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Its People, and its Principal Interests

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ROBERT FRANKLIN BARTLETT.—Ralph Waldo Emerson has said that "The true history of a state or nation is told in the lives of its people." It is probable that no one will take issue with this and thus is apparent the value of a work of the character of the "History of Morrow County," for it is purposed that in its genealogical department be published true and authentic reviews of the lives and achievements of those good and worthy citizens who have been builders of this great commonwealth. With Robert Franklin Bartlett is presented as one of Morrow county's most prominent and well esteemed citizens, one of the seniors of the legal fraternity as well as patriot who enlisted his services in the cause which he believed to be just at the time of the great civil strife which disrupted the country, and he shed his blood on Southern battlefields.

Robert Franklin Bartlett is a genial, cordial, scholarly gentleman of the so-called old school, a man of fine character, venerated by all. Everywhere known for his upright, honorable Christian life, his influence is one of the most valuable and beneficent in the community and no praise from the biographer can add to the honor which he enjoys. The fine old Buckeye state has furnished her full quota of brilliant men who have reached an exalted place in the affairs of the nation and Morrow county puts forth Mr. Bartlett as a part of her offering to the galaxy. He is a native son of the country, his birth having occurred April 8, 1840, in Mt. Gilead, and he is the second in order of birth in a family of nine children, five of whom were sons and four daughters. Three sons and one daughter survive, and Mr. Bartlett is the eldest of this number. The parents were Abner M. and Sarah (Nickols) Bartlett. Concerning the surviving members of the family the following data are entered. Juliaette is the widow of John B. Gatchell and resides in Pomona, California. Her husband served from April 20, 1861, until August 15, 1865, in the Union army and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. She was educated in the Mt. Gilead schools and afterward taught in the county. Albert W. is likewise a resident of Pomona, California, where he is engaged in citrus culture and where he has met with success in life. The maiden name of his wife was Anna Graham and she was originally from Morrow county. Nathan H. is a citizen of Winfield, Kansas, and for a quarter of a century he has engaged in the pedagogical profession. He was educated in the Mt. Gilead schools, in Baldwin University, at Berea, Ohio, and in the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio, from which later he was

graduated in the class of 1884. He now holds the office of principal of the schools of Burden, Kansas. His wife's name was Cora Bartlett before marriage, but they were not related.

The father of him whose name initiates this review was three times married, and the children mentioned are all of the first union. His second marriage was with Miss Eliza Annett Adams, and three of their children are living at the present time. The eldest, Fred W., is a resident of Trenton, Missouri, where he is a dealer in real estate. He received a practical education and has proved successful in life. His wife's name was Ella Cox. Annette May is the widow of Joseph Scott, and makes her home in Spokane, Washington. She is a woman of fine capabilities and has filled a number of high positions, fuller mention of her career being made on other pages of this work.

Abner M. Bartlett traced his lineage to the English people. He was born, however, in Delaware county, Ohio, April 16, 1816, and died August 31, 1885. In early life he received a thorough training in a two-fold capacity, that of an agriculturist and a skilled mechanic. Living in pioneer days, his educational advantages naturally were meagre, but he improved his time with self conducted study and he became one of the well informed men of his day and locality. In the matter of politics he was a Jackson Democrat, and remained such until the formation of the Republican party in 1856, and he cast his vote for the first presidential nominee of that party, General John C. Fremont. He was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, Sarah Nickols Bartlett, was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, her birth occurring there January 7, 1819, and she died March 27, 1856. Her parents were Nathan and Sarah (Thomas) Nickols and her father was of English lineage. Her maternal grandparents were Owen and Martha (Davis) Thomas, both of Welsh extraction, and both born in the state of Pennsylvania, the former on May 12, 1754. The father of Owen Thomas was David Thomas, born at London Tract, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1726. He was educated at Hopewell, New Jersey, and in Brown University, of Providence, Rhode Island, where in 1769 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him. He was a Baptist minister and his ecclesiastical duties brought him to Piedmont Valley in 1765 or previous to that date. A champion of civil and religious liberty he suffered severe persecutions. He was a contemporary of Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson and was held by both of these patriots and statesmen in high esteem, and as their senior he was venerated by them as the friend of liberty and justice. The death of this worthy man occurred in Jessamine county, Kentucky, July 5, 1796. David Thomas was the son of David Thomas senior who left his native country, Wales, in 1700, and upon arriving in America located at Guinead, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. His son, David Jr., the preacher and

patriot, was one of the Revolutionary heroes and through him and through Owen Thomas, his grandson, who was a soldier in the Revolution, the subject is eligible to membership in that august organization, the Sons of the American Revolution.

Robert Franklin Bartlett, the immediate subject of this review, received his elementary education in the common schools of the county, and subsequently entered the Mt. Gilead high school. It was his ambition to supplement such training as was afforded by the state, and in October, 1860, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University as a student in the literary department. Soon, however, the tocsin of war sounded and Mr. Bartlett, like so many of the Buckeye state's noble youth, responded to the call, enlisting in Company D, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain William M. Dwyer, at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. He assumed the blue August 2, 1862, and the regiment rendezvoused at Camp Delaware. The regiment, which was at first a part of the Army of Ohio, was ultimately merged with the Army of the Cumberland and placed in command of General A. J. Smith. In November, 1862, they were transferred again to the Army of the Tennessee, Thirteenth Army Corps, commanded by General U. S. Grant. At that time there were about eighty thousand men in the Thirteenth Army Corps.

On Christmas Day, 1862, General Stephen G. Burbridge's brigade, marched from Millikens Bend, Louisiana, thirty miles from Vicksburg, and advanced twenty-eight miles in a southwesterly direction, destroying the railroads and bridges for miles. The first engagement in which Mr. Bartlett participated was at Chickasaw Bayou, northwest of the city of Vicksburg, on December 28 and 29, 1863, in which the Federal army was repulsed. Probably the most important action in which he figured was that of Arkansas Post, January 11, 1863, and it was upon this occasion that he came very near to death. He was acting at this time as first sergeant of his company. The Rebels were engaged in shelling the Federals and the men were lying down to escape the shells, when one burst over Mr. Bartlett and his comrades and killed the second sergeant of Company F, B. F. High, who was just behind Mr. Bartlett. The next shell burst so closely to his head that the concussion injured his right eye and so seriously that he was completely disabled and to this day he carries such memento of the Civil war. That same afternoon the Federals captured Arkansas Post. Disabled as he was Mr. Bartlett remained with his company, and the next expedition was February 14, 1863, to Greenville, Mississippi, the regiment making a two weeks' trip with one weeks' rations, and experiencing much artillery skirmishing. Mr. Bartlett's regiment and the Sixth Indiana were left at Perkin's Plantation on March 31st, to guard Grant's supplies and they later, on May 28, joined the investment line and assisted in preserving a

state of siege at Vicksburg until July 4, 1863, when General Pemberton surrendered to General Grant, and of this interesting period of the war Mr. Bartlett has many entertaining incidents to relate. After the siege of Vicksburg the Thirteenth Army Corps was detached from the Army of the Tennessee and sent to join the Army of the Gulf under General Banks, leaving Vicksburg for this purpose August 25, 1863, and going by transports to New Orleans. On November 3, 1863, Mr. Bartlett was wounded in the left forearm and elbow by a gun shot, the engagement being that of Grand Coteau, Louisiana. For some weeks he carried the minie ball in his arm, but the member was finally amputated at St. James Hospital, New Orleans, December 3, 1863. On January 25, 1864, he received his honorable discharge at New Orleans, and returned to Ohio, making the journey via the Atlantic ocean to New York city and thence across country. At Grand Coteau he had his sole experience as a prisoner, but was exchanged the day after his capture. The Rebel and Federal prisoners were housed in a Southern mansion, whose mistress was a Mrs. Rogers, and no matter what uniform was worn, they were equally well cared for by the servants on her orders.

After his return to Morrow county and the pursuits of peace Mr. Bartlett for a time engaged in school teaching, acting as pedagogue for the home school in the winters of 1865 and 1866, in Sunfish district. In the spring of 1866 he assumed the office of deputy clerk in the office of Dr. James M. Briggs and he remained in such capacity until October, 1866, when he was elected clerk of courts. He succeeded himself in 1869 and again in 1872 and each time received the nomination by acclamation in the Republican convention. In 1876 Mr. Bartlett began upon the gratification of a long cherished ambition, beginning the study of the law with Thomas H. Dalrymple in 1877 and in June, 1878, was admitted to the bar. In October of the year last mentioned he removed from Mt. Gilead to Cardington and there spent sixteen and one half years in the practice of the law. In April, 1895, however, he returned to Mt. Gilead, and here resumed the practice begun here so many years before, winning recognition over a wide territory and enjoying high prestige in his profession both among the fraternity and the laity. His gifts are of the highest character and his legal career is an ornament to the pages chronicling the history of jurisprudence in the state. He has been practically retired since 1909, but still does some office work, many of his old patrons coming to him for legal advice. His pretty hospitable home is situated upon Main street (north) and is one of the most popular abodes in the place.

Mr. Bartlett is a sound and true Republican and cast his first vote for the martyred Lincoln, and is proud of the fact that he has supported every candidate put forth by the "Grand Old Party"

since that time. In 1865 he was elected a delegate to represent his regiment as a Republican in the State Convention. He is one of the most enthusiastic of Grand Army men and has been a delegate to the national encampment at Milwaukee in 1889, and also to the state encampments at Akron, Sandusky, Cincinnati, Zanesville and Belfontaine. He was a charter member of the James St. John Post, No. 82, Grand Army of the Republic, at Cardington, and at the present time is quartermaster of the Hurd Post, No. 114, of Mt. Gilead. He has served as post commander of both Knights of Pythias, at Mt. Gilead, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 194, at Cardington, and in both orders he has passed all the chairs. Although reared a Methodist, both Mr. Bartlett and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Bartlett wedded Miss Martha M. Miller April 8, 1867, their union occurring at her father's home near Mt. Gilead. She is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, born to Nehemiah and Rachael (Straw) Miller. Of the number six are still living. Elwood Miller is a resident of Portland, Oregon. His wife previous to her marriage, was Miss Harriet McCurdy. He is an honored veteran of the Civil war, having served for three years as a member of the Sixty-fifth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. John F. is a citizen of Wisconsin, where he is engaged in railroad work. He married Philothea Bruck. Parker J., who resides near Mt. Gilead, married Miss Luzilla McCullough. William Edwin resides in Mt. Gilead and is superintendent of its electric light plant. His wife previous to her marriage was Sarah Lucretia George. Melville D. makes his home on a farm one-half mile from Cardington, and is a successful agriculturist and former teacher in the Morrow county schools. He married Miss Emma Adams. Lucinda is the widow of Lemuel H. Breese and a resident of Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Her deceased husband served three years in Company D, Ninety-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

Mrs. Bartlett's father was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, born there October 27, 1831, and he died July 5, 1902, at Mt. Gilead. He was a carpenter by trade and later in life a farmer. He received his education in the common schools and politically was first a Free Soiler and later in life a Republican. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, as were also his father and four of his brothers. Mrs. Bartlett's paternal grandmother's name was Pamela Harris and her father, George Harris, as well as two of his brothers, were soldiers in the battle of Monmouth in the Revolutionary war. Many a time George Harris saw the great and good Washington and he was one of the brave soldiers to whom the presence of the General gave strength to bear the ordeals of the terrible winter campaign of Valley Forge. Her paternal grandfather, Joseph Miller, was a

soldier in the war of 1812. For ten years Mrs. Bartlett has been a member of Mary Washington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at Mansfield, Ohio. Her mother was a native of Morrow county, formerly of Knox county, her birth having occurred there December 18, 1817, and her death, July 23, 1862. She was educated in the common schools, was a strict member of the Presbyterian church, and she was known far and wide for her nobility of life. To the local public schools is Mrs. Bartlett indebted for her preliminary education and she was subsequently enrolled as a student in the Young Ladies' Seminary of Mt. Gilead, presided over by Mrs. Spalding. In young womanhood she was a successful teacher in the Morrow county schools for two years and then took up clerical work in the office of the clerk of court, of which her husband was incumbent. His eyesight was poor and for nine years she gave him excellent assistance in the duties of his office. This estimable lady plays a leading role in the many-sided life of the community. She holds membership in the Women's Christian Temperance Union and she was one of the organizers of the Mt. Gilead Free Library Association, while at the present time being a trustee. She likewise is a valued member of the Ladies' Twentieth Century Club of Mt. Gilead. Both she and her husband are members of the Presbyterian church and are active in its good work.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are the parents of one daughter, Mary Francis, the wife of William A. Jolly, one of Mt. Gilead's progressive and estimable young men, who is engaged in the retail shoe business.

SAMUEL P. GAGE, cashier of the People's Saving Bank Company, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, October 2, 1850, and is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this locality. His parents, William F. and Mary J. (Price) Gage, passed the greater part of their lives in Morrow county. William F. Gage was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey, a son of Phillip and Deborah (Flood) Gage, with whom when a boy he came to Ohio and settled near Sparta, in Bennington township, Morrow county, where he grew to manhood and married. He owned one hundred and forty acres of land in Bennington township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted his energies for many years, up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1898. Politically he was a Republican, radical and enthusiastic, and for years was active in local politics. He was a staunch member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his widow, now eighty years of age. Her parents, John Price and wife, were natives of Pennsylvania. Of the children of William F. and Mary J. Gage we record that J. P., the eldest, is a resident of Kansas; Samuel P., next in order of birth, is the subject of this

sketch; Eliza A. is the wife of William Hunt of Morrow county; P. W. is a resident of Delaware, Ohio; and Elsworth is engaged in railroad business at Alexander, Ohio.

Reared on his father's farm, Samuel P. Gage attended district school until he was sixteen years of age, after which he was a student at Galena High School and Cardington High School and later spent two years at Lebanon, Ohio, where he took a course in the National Normal University. In the meantime he taught school, beginning when he was eighteen, and by this means paid his own way while he pursued his higher studies. All told, he taught school sixty months, a part of this time being principal of a private school. And his experience as teacher added to the value of his service when he was made a member of the School Board of Mt. Gilead.

In 1873 Mr. Gage built the Central House at Marengo, Ohio, which he operated for eight years, and at the same time filled the office of township clerk. In 1881 he was elected clerk of Morrow county. He was the incumbent of this office two terms, having been re-elected, and served in all six years. Afterward, for a period of six years, he was secretary and treasurer of the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company. Then he engaged in banking. For eleven years he was cashier of the National Bank of Morrow County, and at the end of that time he was one of the organizers of the People's Saving Bank Company, which began business April 23, 1904, and of which he has from that date held the position of cashier. At the present writing, 1911, this bank has a deposit of two hundred thousand dollars, and its officers are as follows: Dr. W. B. Robinson, president; W. M. Carlisle, vice president; Dr. N. Tucker, second vice president; S. P. Gage, cashier; A. C. Duncan, assistant cashier; and Z. A. Powers, teller.

During his successful business career Mr. Gage has accumulated considerable property, including two valuable farms in Morrow county, one of two hundred and eighty acres in Gilead township and the other, four hundred and forty acres in Bennington township, and residence property at Mt. Gilead and Columbus. He and his family reside in their pleasant home on Cherry street Mt. Gilead. Mrs. Gage, formerly, Miss Alice Sherman, born April 18, 1851, is a daughter of Daniel Sherman and previous to her marriage was engaged in teaching. She and Mr. Gage were married in 1872, and they are the parents of one son, Ralph P., born January 5, 1875, who is a graduate of both the Mt. Gilead High School and Delaware College, he having received the degree of A. B. at the age of twenty-one years. He is now engaged in the practice of law at Los Angeles, California.

Like his father before him, Mr. Gage is an active and influential member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a member of the official board, and at the time of the building of

the Methodist church edifice in Mt. Gilead he served as chairman of the building committee. Fraternally he is identified with Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 169, I. O. O. F., and Encampment No. 59, and in the latter was a member of the board of trustees. Mr. and Mrs. Gage were charter members of the Rebekahs at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, Lodge 352. They have crossed the continent of America twice, visiting their son.

JUDGE LOUIS K. POWELL.—Independence may be cultivated to advantage, but the germ must be inborn and inbred. Some fortunate individuals possess it by inheritance and as a birthright, and they have the strongest and finest brand of it. They are not swayed by every breeze which may be wafted, but they deliberately choose their course and walk with unwavering steps toward their destination. They hold to their principles and their ideals and govern their actions accordingly, paying no attention to the names of sects or parties but closely considering the things or thoughts or policies for which they stand.

Among the foremost of this class which has influenced for advancement the communities of Morrow county stands Judge Louis K. Powell, former mayor of Mt. Gilead and probate judge and long a leading member of the bar. A native of the county, he was born February 6, 1852, son of Evan W. and Elizabeth (Everett) Powell, and was trained in the schools of Franklin township and on his father's farm, his education in these respects alternating with the seasons of summer and winter. At the age of eighteen he realized one of his strongest ambitions by entering Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, where he completed a regular course in 1873 and graduated with the degree of B. A. Then he engaged in teaching, but kept his eye on the goal of the law by devoting his "leisure" hours to study in the office of Olds & Dickey. In 1878 he was admitted to practice and immediately formed a partnership with T. H. Dalrymple in the office which he now occupies. Elected mayor of Mount Gilead in 1880, he conducted its public affairs with marked discretion and ability until 1884, and it was during his administration as mayor that the Short Line Railroad connecting the village with the Big Four system was constructed. From 1885 to 1891 he served the county with equal honor in the capacity of probate judge. On his retirement from the bench he resumed practice with characteristic promptness, good judgment and success. In addition to the other positions mentioned he was a member of the seventy-third General Assembly of Ohio, and is at this writing a member of the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Ohio, having been appointed to that position by Governor Harmon to succeed Hon. Maurice H. Donahue, who was elected to the Supreme Court of Ohio at the general election of 1910. In early life and as an official Judge

Powell supported the Republican party but has since come to believe that the independent or progressive wing of the Democratic party more nearly conforms to his political views than does the Republicanism of to-day. Thus believing, he has had no hesitancy in vigorously supporting the party of his choice.

In 1882 Judge Powell married Miss Carrie Dalrymple, the daughter of his partner, and to them have been born four children, two of whom are living; Herman D., born in 1883, and Roger K., in 1902. The former is a high school graduate and at this writing is employed with a civil engineer corps at Medford, Oregon, of which state he has become a resident.

DR. ROY L. PIERCE, a representative member of the medical profession of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, has been identified with this place since the spring of 1901.

Dr. Pierce is a native of Morrow county, Ohio, born in Chester-ville, Chester township, September 15, 1868, and he belongs to a family whose residence in Ohio covers a period of more than a hundred years. His parents, Clark and Harriet (Lyon) Pierce, both natives of Ohio, the former born in Harmony township, Morrow county, in 1830, the latter, in Knox county in 1833, were well known and highly respected in the community in which they lived; they died within twenty-four hours of each other, and of the six children born to them the subject of this sketch is the only one now living. Clark Pierce was a Union soldier, and as a members of Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Regiment of Infantry, served all through the Civil war. He was a son of Zabad Pierce. Mrs. Harriet Pierce was a daughter of Daniel Lyon, who was a son of Simeon Lyon and a grandson of Abraham Lyon, the last named a captain in the Revolutionary war. Simeon Lyon, in 1805 came to Ohio from Morristown, New Jersey, and acquired title to a tract of land in the Western Reserve, which is still in possession of members of the Lyon family.

Roy L. Pierce passed his youth and early manhood at Chester-ville in his native county. After his graduation from the Chesterville High School he clerked and later taught school there. Deciding to prepare himself for the medical profession, he entered the Ohio Medical University, of Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated in 1896. He began the practice of his profession as an extern of the institution, and took a post graduate course of one year. In the spring of 1901 he took up his residence in Mt. Gilead, where he has since been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine. He is secretary of the Morrow County Medical Society and has membership in the Ohio State and American Medical societies.

Doctor Pierce married Miss Laura J. Rhodebeck in October, 1898. She was born in Morrow county in 1873, and is a graduate

of the Mt. Gilead High School. Previous to her marriage she was a music teacher. They have had two children, an infant deceased, and Harriet I, born December 1, 1904.

Fraternally the doctor is a Mason, having membership in Chester Lodge, F. and A. M. He is also a member of Mt. Gilead Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Encampment, and has passed all the chairs, and is past grand chief patriarch. Both he and his wife are members of the Order Eastern Star, in which she has passed the chairs, and she is also a member of the Rebekah Degree, auxiliary to the I. O. O. F., in which she has filled all the offices. Politically the doctor affiliates with the Republican party. He served two terms as coroner. He is a genial, cordial gentleman and affable and of a cheerful, sunny nature, which are prime exponents of success in the sick chamber. He is a lover of fine horses, a bird fancier, and humane by his dog; these are some of his social characteristics.

J. W. GRIFFITH.—It has often occurred to the writer that the metropolitan press does not fully or fairly appreciate the thorough-pervading influence of the country newspapers and the faithful, able and valuable services of country journalists. While none fail to give due credit to the agricultural classes and rural communities as forming the stanchest element in economy of America's world-famed prosperity and general happiness, the fact is often ignored that no one individual has a larger voice in their affairs and is more honored as a wise adviser and strong advocate than the able and faithful editor who, although one of them in sympathies and intimate knowledge of their lives, is still a leader and an inspiration. When the country editor is thus adopted into the community as a strong elder brother, affectionate and yet just, and remains bound closely to all its interests from young manhood to old age, as with the Rev. J. W. Griffith, of the Morrow County Sentinel, Mount Gilead, it is an injustice indeed that the entire press of the country should not place a very large account to country journalism in striking a balance sheet on national prosperity, national patriotism and national stability and progress in general.

Mr. Griffith is a native of Pennsylvania, and since early boyhood has developed in an atmosphere of printer's cases, presses and editorial "copy." After attaining his majority he came to Ohio to take a position with his uncle at Shelby, but the call of the printer soon drew him away from the mercantile field and he applied for a "case" at the office of the Shield and Banner, Mansfield. As there was no vacancy on that paper, he sought work in the same line elsewhere, and fortunately learned from a fellow compositor that a case was idle in the office of the Sentinel of Mount Gilead. So the weary but persistent youth trudged to the

county seat of the newly formed county, and was rewarded by securing the coveted work at his beloved trade. That was sixty-three years ago, and since that time the industrious, faithful and able compositor has surely risen to the position of editor and proprietor of one of the most influential and prosperous country papers in Ohio, with a substantial subscription list and a fine mechanical plant.

Quoting the words of one of Mr. Griffith's warm and appreciative fellow journalists: "Brother Griffith has never been sensational as a writer, but is always conservative and thoughtful. He never has to take back today what he published yesterday. He is loyal and true to his friends, and in conversation is entertaining, with a tinge of mirth and charming repartee."

Again, as suggesting characteristics both of editor and his paper, is the following taken from the first number of the thirty-third volume of the Sentinel: "This issue rounds to a close the thirty-second volume of the Sentinel, and on the threshold of the new year it is befitting that we should look back with our readers over the chequered path we have trod together. Thirty-two years! Could the Sentinel speak and tell us of the changes it has witnessed, the trials passed, the triumphs achieved, the friends it has seen pass away or grown gray, as it has grown strong—how the tale would enthral our breathless attention! But thirty-two years is not the age of gushing confession, and we cannot expect to hear of its early loves and disappointments, the frolics and vicissitudes of its youth. A generation has passed since its birth, and while its servants and friends have grown older and fonder of the ease earned by a life of toil, it has just arrived at maturity, and rejoices like a strong man to run a race.

"In public life what revolutions the Sentinel has seen. Parties have fulfilled their mission and passed away like autumn leaves; the cause of freedom rising in the cloud of 'free soil' not larger than a man's hand, has spanned the heavens, and equal rights, casting its shadow over a weary land, has delivered that which was holy and set the oppressed free. The public life of the last thirty-two years has been eventful, charged with potencies for weal or woe to the nation, and the Sentinel, in its place and way, has borne its part without wavering and without regret; and standing now on the eve of another conflict between the old elements of antagonism it draws fresh inspiration from this birthday retrospect, and renews its faith in the policy of honesty, liberty and equal rights before the law and at the ballot box."

JAMES L. MCCAMMAN, who resides at 732 West High street, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, is well known as one of the financially substantial men of Morrow county, where he has spent his life and where his enterprising efforts and strictly honorable dealings have brought him the success he now enjoys.

Mr. McCamman was born in Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio, July 23, 1850, a son of John and Henrietta (Kelly) McCamman, both now deceased. In their family were five children, of whom one daughter, Alice, is now the wife of Edmund Wooley and resides in New York state. When James L. was six years of age his parents moved to the farm in Gilead township on which he was reared and which he still owns, this farm comprising a tract of two hundred and ten acres and being situated a mile and a half east of Mt. Gilead. Here his boyhood days were passed, attending district school and working on the farm, and here he continued to make his home until 1901, when he came to Mt. Gilead, since which time he has resided on West High street. For years Mr. McCamman has dealt extensively in cattle, buying by the car load, grazing them on his broad pastures and then shipping to the markets. From time to time he has made investments, and is a stockholder and director in various enterprises.

Mr. McCamman and his wife have an only daughter, Florence, wife of Robert Ginn, of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. McCamman, formerly Miss Ora V. Powell, was born and reared in Morrow county.

Politically Mr. McCamman is a Republican, though he has never been active in politics, his own personal affairs claiming the whole of his attention. He has fraternal relations with Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 169, I. O. O. F., and Morrow Encampment, No. 59; also he is a member of Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, K. of P., in all of which he has been honored with official position. He and his wife are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Mt. Gilead and at this writing he is one of its stewards.

JOHN C. WILLIAMSON, prosecuting attorney of Morrow county, Ohio, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this country and was born on the old Williamson farm near Iberia April 7, 1883. John Williamson, his great-grandfather, came to Ohio as early as 1820 and established his home on a tract of land near Iberia, which has ever since remained in the Williamson family, now being owned by the heirs of James Williamson, the father of John C., and who died in 1892. James Williamson and his wife, Mary E. (Denman) Williamson, were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, namely: H. Elizabeth, teacher in high school, Edison; Rosa A., wife of G. W. Struthers, farmer, Iberia; Caroline J., librarian, St. Louis City Library; James W., who wedded Miss Marion Hughes, and died at Iberia, January, 1905; John C., and Jonathan D., attorney, Columbus, Ohio.

John C. Williamson was reared near the vicinity of Iberia. He received his early education in the schools of Iberia, and is a graduate of the Iberia High School with the class of 1899. In 1901 he was a student at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, and the

following year he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, after which he spent some time in the school room as a teacher, and later took up the study of law. In the meantime he farmed and made a trip, spending five months in the far west. After his return to Ohio he entered the law department of the State University, where he graduated in June, 1906. That same year he was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of law at Mt. Gilead, and in November, 1908, he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of prosecuting attorney of Morrow county, in which he is now serving, and he was reelected in 1910, by a majority of eight hundred and twenty-six votes.

Mr. Williamson married Miss Anna K. Patton, of Crawford county, Ohio, and they are the parents of two little sons, James W. and John, the former born in 1906, the latter in 1909.

Both Mr. Williamson and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, and fraternally he is identified with the Masonic Order, being a member of both the Lodge and Chapter at Mt. Gilead, and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias No. 561, at Iberia.

WILLIAM W. GURLEY is now and has been for thirty-five years past a member of the Chicago Bar. He was born at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, January 27, 1851. His father, Judge John J. Gurley, was a native of St. Lawrence county, state of New York, and located at Mt. Gilead in the year 1850, and was an honored and prominent member of the bar of Morrow county until his death April 30, 1887.

When Judge Gurley came to Mt. Gilead he formed a partnership for two years with Thomas W. Bartley, who was afterwards one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Ohio, from February 9, 1852, until February 9, 1859, and with Samuel J. Kirkwood, both of Mansfield, Ohio, under the firm name of Gurley, Bartley and Kirkwood. Mr. Kirkwood later removed to Iowa and became governor, and in 1881-2 was secretary of the interior in President Garfield's Cabinet. The mother of William W. Gurley was Anseville Carr Armentrout Gurley. She was one of the most poetic, gentle and amiable wives and mothers that the writer of this sketch ever knew. She was a native of Richland county, Ohio. She died April 2, 1882, and she and husband lie side by side in River Cliff cemetery, Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Our subject has the best reasons to feel proud of his ancestry.

He attended the Union School in Mt. Gilead, and at the age of sixteen years was admitted at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and was graduated therefrom in 1870, shortly after he became nineteen years of age. The degree of Bachelor of Arts has been conferred on him by his Alma Mater. He was admitted to the bar by the district court within and for Morrow

county, Ohio, on June 19, 1873, and in Illinois on the second day of April 11, 1875. On May 1, 1876, he became a member of the firm of Cooper, Paekard and Gurley, which firm continued for about two years, when the firm of Cooper and Gurley was organized and which remained in existence for about six years. Since the dissolution of the last named firm he has praeticed alone. Of later years he has been chiefly occupied with the affairs of corporations. He has for many years been general counsel of the Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railway Company and of the Chicago Railways Company and its predecessor companies.

On October 28, 1878, he was married to Miss Mary Eva Turney, daughter of the late Joseph Turney, of Cleveland, Ohio, late treasurer of the state of Ohio. Of this marriage there were born three children, the eldest, William Turney Gurley, dying in infancy. The second, a daughter, Helen Kathryn, was born September 15, 1890, and is still living. The third, a son, John Turney Gurley, was born December 15, 1893, and died October 26, 1903. The daughter is a graduate of the class of 1909 of the Misses Masters School at Dobbs Ferry, New York.

FINLEY H. FLICKINGER.—Whether the elements of success in life are innate attributes of the individual or whether they are quickened by a process of circumstantial development, it is impossible clearly to determine. Yet the study of a successful life is none the less profitable by reason of the existence of this uncertainty, and in the majority of cases it is found that exceptional ability, amounting to genius, perhaps, was the real secret of the pre-eminence which many envied. So it appears to the student of human nature who seeks to trace the history of the rise of Finley H. Flickinger, a typical American of the best class. As superintendent of the Cardington schools Mr. Flickinger has been identified with educational interests in this section of the state for twenty-five years and his labors have been effective in raising the standard of the schools until the educational system is one of which every citizen of the locality has reason to be proud.

Professor Finley H. Flickinger was born in Crawford county, Ohio, on the 13th of September, 1867, and is a son of John and Amanda (Fralick) Fliekingier, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was long engaged in farming in Crawford county, where he was respected and honored as one of the most influential citizens in the community. He was summoned to the life eternal in 1890 and his wife is living in Crawford county, Ohio. Finley H. was the first in order of birth in a family of eight children and he was afforded the advantages of the public schools of his native county, being graduated in the New Washington high school in 1887. He was matriculated in the Ohio Northern University, in 1884, in which excellent institution he was graduated

as a member of the class of 1905, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He has a life certificate for teaching in the common schools and also in the high school, having received the former in 1900 and the latter in 1906. The high school certificate was received by examination. Professor Flickinger has been identified with the pedagogic profession in the Buckeye state for the past twenty-five years; he served as principal at Iberia for six years and in 1903 came to Cardington, where he has since been incumbent of the office of superintendent of schools. For eleven years he was a member of the board of school examiners. He is a man of fine natural intelligence and broad humanitarian principles and he has ever contributed his quota to the progress and development of this section of the state.

In 1889 was celebrated the marriage of Professor Flickinger to Miss Ellen Wagner, of Crawford county, where she was born in 1868. She was educated in the common schools of the county and was graduated in the high school at New Washington, after which she became a popular and successful teacher in the schools of Crawford county, being thus engaged for three years prior to her marriage. To this union have been born three children, Karl, Eilene and Lucile. Karl was graduated in the Cardington high school and in Bliss College, at Columbus, Ohio. He is now bookkeeper for the Cleveland Wholesale Provision Company, with headquarters at Cleveland. Eilene was graduated in the local high school and remains at the parental home and Lucile is a student in the high school, being a member of the class of 1912.

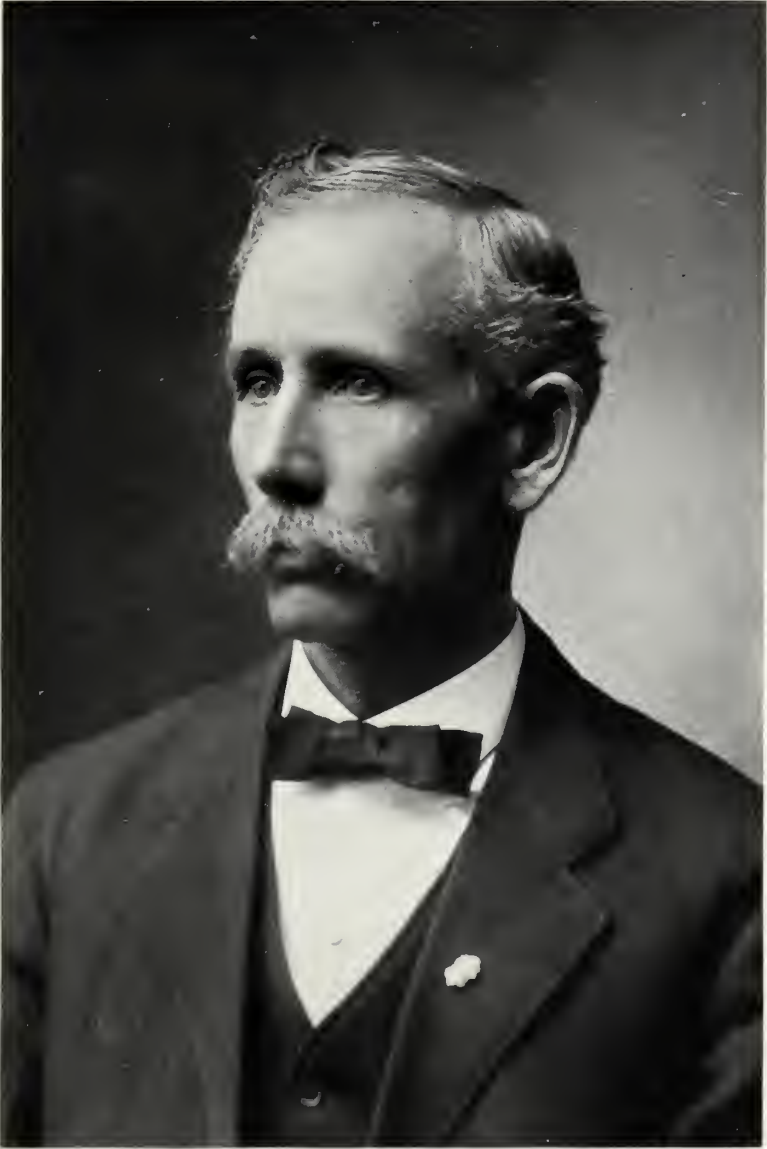
Professor Flickinger is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as is also his wife, and he is a teacher in the Sunday school, of which he is also assistant superintendent. His interest in political questions is deep and sincere and he gives an earnest support to Democratic principles, believing that the platform of the party contains the best elements of good government. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with Cardington Lodge, No. 427, Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor. He is also a valued and appreciative member of Cardington Lodge, No. 384, Free and Accepted Masons and of Cardington Chapter, No. 163, Royal Arch Masons. In connection with his chosen profession he is a member of the County Institute State Teachers' Association.

JAMES D. FATE.—A public-spirited and altruistic citizen, progressive and prosperous and one of Morrow county's representative citizens, is James D. Fate. It will not be gainsaid that agriculture is the ruling vocation of the universe, the great basic industry, yielding sustenance to the masses. In the "land of the free and the home of the brave" it seems almost the prime requisite to greatness and renown that a man should pass a part of his life on the farm. The halls of Congress, the counting-houses, the professorial

chair, in short all of the professions present as their leading representatives men who have spent their early lives amid rural surroundings. Should our American citizen shun public life and prefer the respect only of those who know him as neighbor, his life is still the most independent and wholesome of any and it has been truly said "The farmer is king of the earth."

James D. Fate, who is custodian of Morrow county's funds, was a farmer's son.. His eyes first opened upon the romantic scenery of Washington county, Maryland, and the date of his arrival upon this mundane sphere was January 9, 1859. He comes of that sturdy German stock which is of the most valuable of the sources of our emigration and he partakes of the many fine traits which characterize the Teutonic character. In order of birth he is the third in a family of ten children born to John and Margaret (Amick) Fate, eight of the number surviving at the present time. Samuel and Himes reside in Canaan township; Wason is a citizen of Marion; James D. is of Mt. Gilead; Mary became the wife of H. V. Price and makes her home in Galion; Elizabeth, widow of Bryant Mills, resides in Edison, as do Charles and John, the younger members of the family.

John Fate, father of him whose name initiates this review, was born in Bavaria, Germany, on January 30, 1833, and he died February 18, 1911, at the age of seventy-eight years and eighteen days. When he was a child of less than four years of age his parents, John and Barbara Fate, concluded to make a trial of new fortunes across the blue Atlantic, and so bade adieux to old associations in the Fatherland. Upon arriving here the family located in Washington county, Maryland, where they lived for a great many years. John Fate was the eldest son of a family of seven children, of whom one brother and four sisters survive, namely; Joseph, of near Hancock, Maryland; Mrs. Littell, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Richard, of Hancock, Maryland; Mrs. Colbert, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Peter Koon, of Cardington. At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Fate was first united in marriage, the young woman to become his wife being Margaret Amick, of Washington county, Maryland, and ten children were born to their happy union, the names of these sons and daughters having been mentioned in a preceding paragraph. In 1861 the elder Mr. Fate settled in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and there he and his family resided for over a decade. In 1872 they came to Morrow county, Ohio, and favorably impressed with its advantages, they here made permanent location. They secured land and were soon enrolled among the prosperous farmer folk of this part of the Buckeye state. On May 26, 1894, Mrs. Fate was summoned to the life eternal, and some five years later Catherine Heffelfinger, of West Point, was united with him in holy wedlock. Mr. Fate is thus survived by his wife, eight children, twenty grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Mr. Fate was a zealous member



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of the Methodist Episcopal church and enjoyed the respect of the community in which he had resided for nearly forty years. It has been said of him "He was a manly man; he was a man of clear conviction and of decided opinions; he was a faithful husband, father, friend, beloved and honored by all who knew him."

James D. Fate was a lad of about thirteen years of age at the time of the removal from Pennsylvania. He continued his studies in the district schools, but the exigencies of farm life made it impossible for him to attend anything but the short winter term. Under the careful supervision of his father he and his brothers became thoroughly familiar with practical agriculture, while through his own efforts he improved his education. It is quite true of him that he is a self-made and self-educated man, and he has always walked in the paths of rectitude and honesty. Being of a careful and thrifty turn of mind, while still young he succeeded in accumulating a fine estate, consisting of one hundred and sixteen and one-half acres of fine land in Cardington township. In 1906 he abandoned the vocation of agriculture, to which he had previously devoted his energies, and became a member of the well-known firm of dealers in stock, "The Cardington Live Stock Company," comprising the following gentlemen: Messrs. H. L. Eckles, J. E. Coleman and J. D. Fate. The company bought and shipped live stock to the cities of Buffalo, Pittsburg and Cleveland, and the enterprise proved exceedingly successful. Mr. Fate continued a member of the firm until 1909. When he left his father's farm he had absolutely no capital and his present competence he has acquired through his own energy, executive ability and enlightened business methods, and with the cooperation of his estimable wife. There is, indeed, particular pleasure in presenting the record of a man's life when he has had to carve his own way through the rock of adversity and difficulty which lies in the path of the average man. Mr. Fate is an admirable example not only to his own children but also to the rising generation of what the best methods in business and citizenship will accomplish.

As his companion in life Mr. Fate chose Miss Elenora A. Koon, their marriage occurring March 7, 1880, in Canaan township. To this happy union have been born one son and four daughters, Estella M., who is the wife of Charles H. Bradford, a mechanic of Armada, Michigan. They have two children, Delmar and Vera. Hollie R. resides in Cardington township, where he is a prosperous young farmer. He married Miss Emma Lehner, and they have one son, Ronald O. Ethel D. is a graduate of the Cardington high school of the class of 1910, and resides with her parents. Two children died in infancy.

Mrs. Fate is a native of Morrow county, her birth having occurred here January 27, 1861, and she is the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Warwick) Koon. She was educated in the common schools and was reared in her home county. She is of fine German

lineage and is endowed with the tastes and accomplishments of good housewifery, and her career as a helpmeet to her husband and a good mother to her children has been signally successful. Her father, Jacob Koon, although a native of Pennsylvania, traced his descent to Germany. By occupation he was a farmer; politically he was a Jackson Democrat; and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Koon are now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Fate are adherents of the faith of the Friends, or Quaker Society and they live their beautiful faith in their lives, being highly esteemed by all who know them. Politically the head of the house is a Republican and he has ever upheld the principles of the Grand Old Party both in local and national affairs. The first presidential vote cast by him was for Ohio's martyred son, Garfield, and he has supported every Republican candidate since that day. Many times he has been chosen by his people to represent their interests in county and district conventions, and this is as it should be, for his official record stands without a blemish. In 1899 he was appointed real estate appraiser of the lands of Cardington township. Subsequently he was appointed by the secretary of the state of Ohio as a member of the board of supervisors of elections of Morrow county, this being in the year 1904. His election as county treasurer came to pass in 1908 and he was later re-elected to this very important office, of which he is the present incumbent. His services have been valuable and of the most irreproachable character.

Mr. Fate is a genial and cordial gentleman, strictly honest and upright and beyond reproach both as a business man and a friend. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 427, at Cardington, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Fate reside in Mt. Gilead, in their own beautiful and modern residence located on Union street. It is good to look upon and a marvel of convenience, heated by furnace, lighted by electricity and natural gas, and its portals are ever open to the many friends of the owner and his gracious wife.

JOHN S. LYMAN, who owns and operates a fine farm in Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio, is a native of this county. He was born in Canaan township March 24, 1873, a son of Luke C. and Marion (Garster) Lyman, now residents of Edison, Morrow county, where the father is retired, his active life having been passed as a shoemaker.

Until he was seventeen John S. Lyman spent his winters attending school either at Denmark or Edison, and finding employment on farms or on the railroad in the summer vacations. He continued in this line of work until 1906, when he engaged in farming on his own account in Franklin township. Here he has a hundred acres of land and is making a specialty of raising sheep, in which he is meeting with marked success.

On November 19, 1899, Mr. Lyman married Miss Mary James, who has borne him four children, of whom one is deceased. Those living are J. B., James Chandler and Mary, aged respectively eleven, seven and two years. Mrs. Lyman was born in Perry township, this county, November 13, 1877, daughter of John and Elzine (Whitney) James, who now reside on a farm near Johnsville. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and fraternally he is identified with Edison Lodge, No. 434, Knights of Pythias, while she is a member of Annona Temple, Pythian Sisters, No. 241, Edison. Mr. Lyman has filled all the chairs in his lodge and is a past chancellor commander. He was C. C. in 1906.

FRANK KERSHNER DUNN is a native of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and is a son of Andrew Kershner Dunn, a native of Washington county, Maryland, and Emily (Armentrout) Dunn, a native of Richland county, Ohio, and he was born November 13, 1854. He attended the Union Schools of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and in the year 1869 was admitted to Kenyon College and was graduated from the same in 1873, the degree of A. B. being conferred on him by his Alma Mater. He attended Harvard Law School, and was graduated from the same in 1875, and the degree of LL.B. was conferred on him.

Our subject's father came to Mt. Gilead, Ohio, in April, 1848, and was present at the first term of court in Morrow county, Ohio, and was one of the foremost members of the bar of Morrow county until his death, April 29, 1890. He was a graduate of Kenyon College in the same class with President Rutherford B. Hayes, and in 1876, while President Hayes was yet governor of Ohio, he appointed Judge Dunn a judge of the Court of Common pleas for the Second sub-division of the Sixth judicial district of Ohio.

Frank K. Dunn was admitted to the bar in 1875, and practiced with his father in Morrow and adjoining counties for three years, and in 1878 went to Charleston, Illinois, where he continued in the practice of the law until 1897, when he was elected judge of the Circuit Court for the Fifth judicial circuit of Illinois, and served as judge until 1903. In 1907 he was elected justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois for the term of eight years, and is now in office.

On June 1, 1882, he was married at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, to Alice R. Trimble, second daughter of James S. Trimble and Margaret (Stroh) Trimble, one of the oldest families in Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Mr. Trimble was one of the most energetic and successful merchants, bankers and grain dealers the village ever had for over forty years. He was born May 25, 1818, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and died April 11, 1889, at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. His wife was a daughter of Samuel Straw (or Stroh) one of the pioneers of Knox (now Morrow) county, Ohio, and she died June 14, 1879, and both lie buried side

by side in River Cliff cemetery, Mt. Gilead, Ohio. The children of Judge Frank K. and Alice R. (Trimble) Dunn are Andrew and Ruth.

HARRY S. CRUIKSHANK, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, may be pointed out as an example of what a young man of thrift and enterprise can accomplish without initial capital and without financial backing to start an enterprise. Some special mention of him is of interest in this connection and, briefly, a sketch of his life is as follows:

Harry S. Cruikshank was born on a farm in Delaware county, Ohio, in September, 1872, a son of Stephen L. and Mary (Woodland) Cruikshank, natives of Morrow county, Ohio, and London, England, respectively. His boyhood was spent in farm work and in attendance at the district school near his home. At the age of eighteen years, with his brother as partner, he began buying hay in Delaware county and shipping to market. They began on a small scale, with practically no capital, and by close study of the situation and careful management of the business prospered from the very beginning of their undertaking. They went into debt for their horses and hay baler, and it was necessary at times for them to borrow money, but they had good credit and they were careful to keep their credit good. Good credit!—that, they regarded as the key to success. Their partnership was continued four years. In September, 1900, Harry S. came to Mt. Gilead, which has since been his headquarters, and where he is now conducting an extensive baled hay business. In addition to operating at Mt. Gilead he buys, bales and makes shipments at other points, including Westville, Prospect and Waldo, Ohio. From these places his annual shipments average in the neighborhood of a thousand carloads.

Mr. Cruikshank has made profitable investments in large tracts of land in Tennessee and Georgia, and at home he is a stockholder and director in the National Bank of Morrow county.

He lives with his family in West High street. Mrs. Cruikshank, formerly Miss Grace Babcock, is a native of Marengo, Ohio. They have two children, Robert G. and Harry B., the former born January 1, 1897—the latter, in April, 1907.

Mr. Cruikshank casts his franchise with the Republican party, and is identified fraternally with the Masonic Order, having membership in Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 169, F. and A. M. He and his family attend worship at the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member of the Official Board.

STEPHEN S. BARRE.—The enterprising business man and popular citizen whose name introduces this article needs no formal introduction to the people of Morrow county. For some years past he has been quite prominently identified with the financial

and industrial interests of the town in which he lives, and, always manifesting an active interest in the public welfare, he has risen to a high place in business and social circles and earned an honorable reputation among the leading men of affairs in this section of the county.

Stephen S. Barre, undertaker and furniture dealer at Sparta, was born in Green county, Ohio, on the 24th day of December, 1850, a son of John and Mary A. (Shafer) Barre. The father was a native of Hagerstown, Pennsylvania, where his birth occurred on the 1st of April, 1791, and the mother was born in the state of Virginia, on the 12th day of May, 1818. John Barre continued to reside under the parental roof until the inception of the war of 1812, in which he immediately enlisted, continuing to give service as a most gallant soldier in that struggle until its close. Thereafter he was engaged in sailing for several years and about 1836 he came west to Ohio, locating in the vicinity of Mount Vernon, in which place he owned one of the first frame buildings there erected. He was fifty-four years of age at the time of his marriage, in 1847, to Miss Mary A. Shafer, who was twenty-eight years his junior. She was a daughter of Daniel and Betsy Shafer, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Virginia, where Mrs. Barre was born. Daniel Shafer was a millwright by trade and he came west to Ohio about the year 1830. He settled near Springfield, where he built several mills on the Miami river. John Barre was summoned to the life eternal in 1871 and Mrs. Barre passed away in September, 1905.

Of the five children of John and Mary Barre, Stephen S. Barre, of this review, was the second in order of birth. He was a student in the district schools of his native place until he had attained to the age of seventeen years, at which time he entered upon an apprenticeship at the carriage trimming trade in Dayton, Ohio, becoming an expert journeyman after a period of four years. He first located at Cardington, where he remained for a short time, at the expiration of which he came to Sparta, where he was identified with the work of his trade for a number of years. In 1885 his business headquarters were destroyed by fire and he then embarked in the undertaking and furniture business, in which line of enterprise he has been actively engaged during the long intervening years to the present time, in 1911. In connection with his other business he also runs a carriage shop.

On the 1st of October, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Barre to Miss Emma E. Bockoven, who was born in Morrow county on the 6th of November, 1859, a daughter of James and Mary (Salisbury) Bockoven, both of whom were likewise born and reared in Ohio. James Bockoven was born on the 31st of July, 1834, and his wife on the 9th of May, 1830. He was identified with agricultural pursuits during his active business career and he is now living in virtual retirement at Sparta. Mr. S. S. Barre

was interested in the building of the school house and church in Sparta, Ohio, and he and his wife are popular and highly respected citizens in this section of the county. To them have been born two children, namely, Harry H. and Mary M. Harry H. was born on 7th of September, 1881, was graduated in the Sparta high school and is now engaged with the Van Scoy Chemical Company, at Mt. Gilead. He married Miss Myrtle M. Meiser, of Sparta, Ohio. Mary M., born January 16, 1885, graduated in the Sparta high school with the class of 1901, and she attended the musical department of Delaware College, at Delaware. She resides at home with her parents and is considered one of the best musicians and music teachers in Sparta. Mr. and Mrs. Barre are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the various departments of whose work they have been most prominent factors; Mr. Barre was one of the three who built the beautiful Methodist church in this town. Mrs. Barre's great-grandfather, William Evans, was one of the first settlers at Chester, Morrow county, Ohio. He was of Welsh extraction and was instrumental in building the first church at Chester, the same being of the Baptist denomination, in which he was a deacon. Her maternal grandfather, Emness Salisbury, was a relative of Lord Salisbury, of England, and her grandfather Bockoven, held the office of magistrate in Sussex county, New Jersey, prior to his immigration to Ohio, where he settled on a farm in Chester township, Morrow county, being identified with the trade of blacksmith in addition to his agricultural pursuits.

In politics Mr. Barre endorses the cause of the Democratic party, and he has been incumbent of many offices of public trust in Sparta. For fourteen years he was a member of the school board and he has given efficient service in the offices of mayor, justice of the peace and post master of this town. In the time-honored Masonic Order he has long been prominent in Ohio and he and his wife and daughter are all valued and appreciative members of the adjunct organization, the Order of the Eastern Star, at Chesterville. He is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, the latter of which he represented in the Grand Lodge of the state at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1896. Mr. Barre is a thoroughly practical business man and because of his courteous manners, genial disposition and genuine worth he has won and retains a host of warm personal friends.

FRED W. VINCENT.—Geniality and cordiality of manner are the cardinal characteristics of a successful business man. Mr. Vincent, of this review, the genial and cordial proprietor of The Hotel Vincent, of Marengo, Ohio, is a gentleman who has won the esteem and respect of all who know him and his homelike hotel. He is a native of Franklin county, Ohio, born March 7, 1871, and is the seventh child in a family of eight children, seven sons and

one daughter, born to Nathan and Loretta (Phelps) Vincent. There are six of the children living at present. Charles, married, and a resident of Mansfield, Ohio, is an agriculturist. He was educated in the common schools. Carrie is the wife of Edwin Linna-barry, a resident of Galena, Ohio, and a successful agriculturist. Joseph, a resident of Westerville, Ohio, is a rural route agent. William, a resident of Westerville, Ohio, is also engaged in the rural mail service. Fred W., the subject of this sketch, is next in order of birth. Walter, the youngest and unmarried one, resides with his mother near Westerville, Ohio.

Nathan Vincent was born in 1834 and died in 1878. He was a skilled contractor and builder. He erected the old State Fair buildings and Camp Chase at Columbus, Ohio, and was one of the most skilled workmen in his trade of any in Ohio and his services were always in demand. He was a fine mathematician. Politically he was an old-line Whig, and when the Republican party was founded he advocated its cardinal points and principles until his death. Religiously both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He was a gentleman of firm decisions and character and universally beloved by all. His funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in Westerville, Ohio. Mrs. Vincent, the mother of our subject, is a native of Franklin county, Ohio, born in 1835, and is still living, at the age of seventy-six years. Her mentality is yet vigorous. She has been a wonderfully industrious woman and a true mother in every sense of the word and ideal in her Christian life. She was a daughter of Edward Phelps, one of the pioneers of Franklin county. The Phelps, Griswolds and Moores were the first three families to settle in Franklin county. Mrs. Vincent resides two and a half miles south of Westerville, Ohio, on an estate of one hundred and eighty-eight acres of fine land lying along the Interurban Railroad to Columbus, and the land is valued at one hundred and seventy-five dollars an acre.

Mr. Vincent, of this review, traces his lineage to the French, as the early progenitors were De Vincent and came from the "land of the lily." He was reared as a farmer lad until at the age of sixteen he began as a wage earner and acted as field salesman for the well known harvester company "The Plano," and was with this well known firm for four years. He next worked as a carpenter, and remained at that work for two years. He really devoted most of his life to agricultural pursuits until he located in his present calling at Marengo. It was in 1897 when he located in Morrow county—Pern township—and he was there four years. He then purchased a little tract of land, but afterward sold and moved on the Royal Moore farm, where he remained for four years as an agriculturist and stockman. He was then located one year on the Leatherman farm. In 1910 he and his wife purchased the hotel property and livery at Marengo, and his comfortable hostelry is well known by the traveling public. He and his wife endeavor to

make their home the traveling man's home by cordial and kindly greeting, good table service and comfortable quarters, and with hotel service he has most excellent livery equipment.

Mr. Vincent wedded Miss Cora G. Stanton, of Columbus, Ohio, May 20, 1892—four children have been born to them, namely: Josephine L., who has received a good educational training; Carrie M. is a student in the Marengo High School, class of 1913; and Donna Bell and Merald H. Mrs. Vincent is a native of Crawford county, Ohio, and was born March 28, 1874, a daughter of Dennis and Florilla (Dart) Stanton. There were nine children but there are only five living at present, namely: Lucy, wife of Frank Grames, a resident of Chicago Junction and employed by the U. S. Government in the mail service; Chauncey, a resident of Huntington county, Indiana, and an agriculturist; Josephine is the wife of George Hannum, residing at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is superintendent in the C. H. and D. yards; John, a resident of Huntington county, Indiana, is also a farmer; Mrs. Vincent is the next and the youngest. Her father, Dennis Stanton, was born in Pennsylvania July 6, 1828, and died October 17, 1879. He was of English descent. He died when his daughter, Mrs. Vincent, was a little girl five years old. Florilla Dart Stanton, Mrs. Vincent's mother, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, October 17, 1834, and she is now a resident of Huntington county, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent have located in Marengo and they are citizens who hold a high place in the esteem of all who have had the pleasure of their acquaintance, while their daughters are valuable additions to the young social element of the town. Mr. Vincent is a Republican and cast his first vote for Benjamin Harrison and he has always supported the principles and policies of that party. He is a member of the Marengo Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 216, and is vice chancellor, Mrs. Vincent being a member of the Pythian Sisters at Ashley, Ohio. We are pleased to present this brief review of this worthy couple and their cozy, homelike hotel is ever open to friends and wayfarer, who will be cordially entertained.

MASON W. McCRACKEN.—At this juncture is a volume devoted to the careers of representative citizens of Morrow county, Ohio, it is a pleasure to insert a brief history of Mason W. McCracken, who has ever been on the alert to forward all measures and enterprises projected for the general welfare and who has served his community in various official capacities of trust and responsibility. He has been township assessor of Harmony township, was justice of the peace for one year and is now devoting the major portion of his time and attention to diversified agriculture and stock-raising, his fine little estate of fifty acres being located in Harmony township, seven miles distant from the county seat.

A native son of Harmony township, Morrow County, Ohio,

Mason W. McCracken was here born on the 28th of August, 1862, and he is a son of Charles and Ruth (McCreary) McCracken, the former of whom was born and reared on the Fair Emerald Isle, having immigrated to America from Ireland about the year 18???. Charles McCracken was identified with farming during the major portion of his active business career and he was long a representative agriculturist in Harmony township, where his death occurred in the month of May, 1873. Mrs. Ruth McCracken was a native of Ohio and she passed to the life eternal in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCracken were the parents of three children, concerning whom the following brief data are here offered; Mason W. is the immediate subject of this review; Wayne is engaged in the agriculture line of enterprise in Morrow county, Ohio; and Emma died when a young girl.

Reared to the sturdy discipline of the old homestead farm, Mason W. McCracken waxed strong in mind and body and his early educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools, which he attended until he had reached his sixteenth year. After leaving school he assisted his mother in the work and management of the home farm for a time and thereafter he was engaged in farming operations on his own account, settling on a rented farm for ten years, then on his present well improved estate in the year 1901. As a general farmer and stock raiser he has achieved unqualified success and he is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens in Harmony township. In 1884 he was elected township assessor and he has served for four years as a member of the school board. He has also been honored with the office of justice of the peace and in this capacity has acquitted himself most creditably.

On the 24th of September, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McCracken to Miss Eva B. Ulery, who was born in Harmony township and who is a daughter of G. W. Ulery, long of this county. Mrs. McCracken received a good education in the public schools of this section during her girlhood days and she is a woman of the utmost graciousness and sincerity, a potent influence for good in the home and community. To Mr. and Mrs. McCracken have been born two children, Brice L., whose birth occurred on the 10th of March, 1894, and Blanche E., born December 17, 1891, both of whom passed the Patterson examination. Blanche E. is now the wife of Harvey Smith, who is engaged as a clerk in a store at Chesterville, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. McCracken are devout members of the Harmony Baptist church in which he is a deacon. In politics, he accords a stalwart allegiance to the principles and policies promulgated by the Democratic party and as previously noted he has served as assessor and justice of the peace. He is a straight-forward, broad-minded man and throughout his life thus far he has done a great deal toward forwarding the best interests of Morrow county, where he is accorded the unalloyed esteem of his fellow men.

JOHN DARLING is one of Morrow county's much liked and much respected farmer-citizens and is a veteran of the Civil war, whose semi-centennial has brought back with renewed vividness the events of that great conflict. He was born on the 27th day of August, 1844, near Hedding Chapel, Ohio, the son of Samuel and Mary (Barr) Darling, the former a native of New York and the latter of Pennsylvania. John was one of four children and the eldest, his two brothers and sister being by name, Morgan, Samuel and Rachel Rebecca, Samuel being at the present time a member of the well-known Bishop and Darling Real Estate Company of Centerburg, Ohio. John, like the rest of the children, received his education in the Gardner district school.

John Darling was a very young fellow in the early sixties of the nineteenth century. However, when war seemed inevitable he enlisted at the first call for men to go to the front although but seventeen years of age. His enlistment was made at Mount Vernon, Ohio, and he became a member of the Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, thus putting himself in line for eleven dollars a month and much promised glory. He saw much active service and engaged in numerous battles and skirmishes, among them Fort Donelson and Pittsburg Langing. At the latter place, while on picket duty, he was wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of a falling comrade. He was accordingly sent to the hospital at Quincy, Illinois, and in three months had sufficiently recovered to enlist again. This time he became identified with the Second Ohio Heavy Artillery and he remained with this organization until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge with the rest of his brave comrades. He returned home and it has been his pleasant fate, as a good and altruistic citizen, to serve his country as well in peace as in war.

On December 8, 1867, Mr. Darling laid the foundation of a happy life companionship by his marriage with Miss Delphina Lanning, daughter of Richard and Elizabeth (Struble) Lanning of Chester township. Their union has been blessed by the birth of one son and two daughters. Emma Dell married Melrose Gatton of Richland county, and they now reside at Mount Vernon, Ohio; Stephen married Miss Retta Hickman of Iowa and resides in Wayne county, Iowa; Zoa is the wife of Frank Riley of Centerburg. The trio, as well as their mother, hold the Bailes district school particularly dear, for it was there that they received their education.

Mr. Darling in his political affiliations is a stanch Republican, having given his support to its policies and principles since his earliest voting days. He is of that sturdy type of character which stands for honesty and uprightness and constitutes the best kind of citizenship. He and his worthy wife reside upon their advantageously situated farm between Sparta and Chesterville, their home being one of the attractive ones of the neighborhood. Their

children have gone out from under the old roof-tree, under their parents' training well equipped to meet the requirements of life. They are widely and favorably known in the section in which their interests have so long been centered.

REUBEN PACE.—Through his own well directed endeavors Mr Pace has become the owner of a well improved farm of eighty acres in Gilead township, and he is numbered among the successful agriculturists and stock-growers of the county, where he has maintained his home for more than thirty years and where he has forged forward from the position of a farm hand, employed by the month, to a secure place as one of the representative agriculturalists of this section of his native state.

Mr. Pace was born in Perry county, Ohio, near New Lexington, and the date of his nativity was January 19, 1853. He is a son of Minor and Julia (Drake) Pace, members of sterling pioneer families of this state, where the father continued to be identified with agricultural pursuits until his death. He died in Perry county and his wife died in Marion county, Ohio. Of their children four sons and one daughter are now living. He whose name introduces this review early began to learn the valuable lessons of practical industry, as he began to assist in the work of the home farm when a mere boy. His educational advantages were those afforded in the district schools of his native county and he continued to be associated with his father in the work of the farm until he had attained to his legal majority. He then began working by the month as a farm hand, and as such he came to Morrow county in 1877, dependent entirely upon his own energy and ability for making his way to the goal of independence. He was industrious and frugal and in 1894 he purchased his present farm, which is eligibly located in Gilead township at a point about three miles northeast of Mount Gilead, the county seat. He has shown distinctive thrift and progressiveness in his farming and business operations and his place is devoted to diversified agriculture and stock-growing, in which latter department he has given special attention to the breeding of registered Merino sheep. He has been very successful in this line of enterprise and the fine sheep raised by him are in much demand for breeding purposes.

While loyal to all civic duties and responsibilities and ever ready to lend his cooperation in the promotion of measures advanced for the general good of the community, Mr. Pace has no ambition for public office. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and in religion he is a Baptist. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian church at Mt. Gilead. They are held in high esteem by all who know them and their pleasant home is noted for its generous hospitality.

As a young man, while employed on a farm in Morrow county, Mr. Pace was united in marriage to Miss Rose F. Nellans, daughter

of the late John Nellans, a farmer of Canaan township. Mrs. Pace was summoned to the life eternal December 31, 1892, and of the three children only one is living—Dora Maude, who is now and has been for six years, a successful and popular teacher in the schools of Gilead township. The other daughter—Jessie U., died at the age of sixteen years, and the only son, John Sheldon, was but eighteen months old at the time of his death. On the 4th of April, 1895, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Pace to Miss Angenetta Payne, who was born and reared in Morrow county, and who is a daughter of the late Hiram Payne.. No children have been born of the second marriage.

WALTER W. VAUGHAN.—There has been nothing parasitic in the career of Hon. Walter W. Vaughan, who through life and labors has conferred honor upon the county of his nativity. He has not only been an effective and successful exponent of the agricultural and stock-growing industries in Morrow county but has also caused his benignant influence to permeate the sphere of public activity, as is indicated by the fact that he is at the present time representative of his native county in the lower house of the state legislature. He is a man of broad intellectual grasp and well matured opinions as to matters of public polity, so that his value in his present office is of the most definite order, the while his sterling attributes of character have given him an impregnable place in popular confidence and esteem. As one of the essentially representative citizens of Morrow county he is well entitled to consideration in this publication, and he takes pride in being numbered among the sturdy yeoman of the fine old Buckeye commonwealth, his well improved and attractive homestead being located in Lincoln township, about three miles east of the thriving little city of Cardington.

Walter W. Vaughan was born on the parental farmstead in Lincoln township, Morrow county, and the day of his nativity was February 7, 1866. He is a son of James W. and Rachel Ann (Wood) Vaughan, the former of whom was born in Stark county and the latter in Morrow.

James W. Vaughan was long numbered among representative farmers and stock-growers of Lincoln township and his life was so guided and governed by principles of integrity and honor that he was not denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem in the community that so long represented his home and in which his career was marked by earnest toil and endeavor. He contributed his quota to the industrial and social development of Morrow county and was a man of unassuming, sincere and worthy character, well entitled to the uniform esteem accorded him.

Walter W. Vaughan was reared under the strenuous but invigorating discipline of the farm and through such intimate association with nature in "her visible form" he waxed strong



W. W. Vaughan.

in independence and self-reliance. After availing himself of the advantages of the district schools he continued his studies in the public schools of the village of Cardington, and that he made good use of these scholastic opportunities is shown by the fact that after a course in the high school he proved himself eligible for pedagogic honors. When about eighteen years of age he initiated his efforts as a teacher in the district schools of his native county, and for about a decade he thus divided his time between the work of the school-room in the winter terms and that of the farm in the summer seasons, so that there was no possibility of deterioration in either brain or brawn. Through such labors have been developed many of the leaders in thought and action in our great American republic, which affords boundless opportunities for the perpetuation of individuality and for individual accomplishment. Mr. Vaughan has ever appreciated the dignity and value of honest forces or the emoluments derived therefrom. About 1888 he entered into partnership with his father in the live-stock business, in which he eventually gave special attention to dealing in horses, in the sale of which he made large shipments to eastern markets. In this connection he brought to bear excellent initiative and executive powers, and incidentally laid the foundation for definite prosperity and independence.

The live stock operations of Mr. Vaughan were conducted in connection with the old homestead farm of his father until 1902, when he amplified the scope of his industrial enterprise by the purchase of his present homestead of one hundred and thirty-three acres, eligibly located on the Cardington and Chesterville turnpike, three miles distant from Cardington. The place had been much neglected, with the result that its fertility had declined and its buildings fallen into poor condition. With characteristic energy and enterprise Mr. Vaughan set to himself the task of improving the farm along all lines, bringing the land under effective cultivation, repairing the existing buildings and erecting new ones demanded in connection with the general operation of the place, which he has brought to a high standard, so that it is now one of the well improved and valuable farm properties of the county, with every evidence of thrift and prosperity. In 1906 he erected the large and modern barn on the homestead, and the facilities of the same are of the best type throughout, with special provisions for the care of live stock. The place is devoted to diversified agriculture and to the raising of high grades of live stock, and Mr. Vaughan continued to buy and ship horses to a considerable extent, being an excellent judge of values and showing much discrimination in his operations, in which his success has been marked.

A man of high civic ideals and well fortified opinions, Mr. Vaughan has naturally shown a loyal interest in public affairs, and he has gained a position of definite leadership in connection with the manoeuvring of political forces in his native county.

He accords an unequivocal allegiance to the Republican party and has been one of the leaders in its local councils. In 1901 he became a member of the county committee of his party and he had the distinction of serving as its chairman for three years. In 1905 he was made the Republican nominee for representative of Morrow county in the state legislature, and though his defeat was compassed by normal political exigencies he made an excellent campaign and gained a strong hold upon the confidence of the people of the county, so that when he again appeared as a candidate for the same office, in 1908, he was elected by a gratifying majority. The best voucher of the popular appreciation of his efforts as a member of the legislature was that given by his reelection in the autumn of 1910, so that he is now serving his second term, which will expire January 1, 1913. Mr. Vaughan has been a zealous and valued worker in the deliberations of both the floor and the committee-room of the house. Fidelity and earnestness have characterized his efforts in behalf of wise legislation and he has shown a broad grasp upon matters of public polity and expediency. He has ably championed the various measures that have appealed to his judgment and has been equally uncompromising in his judgment and has been equally uncompromising in his work against legislation that he has considered ill advised. Within the compass of a sketch of this order it is, of course, impossible to enter into details concerning his effective labors in the popular branch of the legislature, but it is but consistent that reference be made to certain important measures with the furtherance or defeat of which he was prominently identified. He introduced and put upon its final passage the bill reducing the mileage allowed to members of the legislature from twelve to two cents a mile, the latter being the absolute expenditure demanded for railroad fares. The finance committee of the house recommended an appropriation of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the improvement of the Ohio canals, but mainly through the insistent efforts of Mr. Vaughan this appropriation was reduced to one hundred thousand dollars, which sum appeared, upon close examination, to be entirely adequate for the purpose specified in the bill. An uncompromising advocate of the cause of temperance and the proper control of the liquor traffic, he also exerted much influence in compassing the defeat of the Dean bill, in the lower house, in the session of 1911, said bill having been considered by him and other leading members a matter involving retrogression and the extension of undue privileges. Mr. Vaughan is known as a forceful and eloquent speaker, and elegance of diction and clarity of statement invariably characterize his utterances. He has been assigned to membership in important committees of the house and in the deliberation thereof has shown marked business acumen and maturity of judgment. His integrity of purpose is beyond cavil and he never makes any compromise for the sake of personal expediency. In this attitude

he exemplifies well the principles of the stanch Society of Friends, the noble religious organization with which the Vaughan family became identified many generations ago.

On the 17th of March, 1887, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Vaughan to Miss Mina Chase, who was born in Westfield township, Morrow county, on the 16th of November, 1865, and who is a daughter of Daniel L. and Victoria (Bailey) Chase, representatives of honored pioneer families of Ohio. The Chase family was early founded in the state of New York and the lineage is traced back to staunch English origin. Robert Chase, grandfather of Mrs. Vaughan, settled in Morrow county, Ohio, in the pioneer days and was prominent and influential in connection with the affairs of the Christian church in this state. Daniel L. Chase became one of the prosperous and representative agriculturists of Morrow county and ever commanded sure vantage ground in popular confidence and regard. He was called upon to serve in various offices of public trust, including that of county clerk, of which he was incumbent from 1876 to 1882. Both he and his wife continued to maintain their home in this county until their death, and of the children one son and one daughter are now living. Mrs. Vaughan is a woman of most gracious personality and is the chatelaine of a home that is notable for culture and generous hospitality, both she and her daughter being valued factors in connection with the leading social activities of the community. She was graduated in the Mount Gilead high school and for several years prior to her marriage she was a successful and popular teacher in the schools of her native county. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan have one daughter, Ruth M., who was born on the 26th of April, 1896, and who is a member of the class of 1915 in the high school at Cardington.

MARY VIRGINIA FOGLE.—It is most appropriate that when the lifework of one is finished a record should be made of it. It is especially so when that life work was of much usefulness, and the subject promised exalted excellence of character and superior qualities of intellect.

Mary Virginia Fogle was the oldest daughter of Benjamin and Ann C. (Kinsell) Fogle, of a family of four children, and both her father and mother were reared at Chesterville, in Morrow county, and her grandparents on both sides were pioneers of that village and township.

The maternal grandfather, Enoch B. Kinsell, was one of the first three associate judges of Morrow county, from 1848 until the new constitution of the state of Ohio in 1852, and was a man of high standing in the county. The paternal grandfather, John Fogle, was a substantial farmer of good standing. In religion the families on both sides, father and mother, grandfathers and grandmothers, were Methodists.

Benjamin Fogle, the father, was a man of superior intellect and force of character, and while he lived in Mt. Gilead, which was from about 1865 until his death, April 5, 1875, he was the leading Methodist in the church. The family continued to reside at Mt. Gilead for several years after Miss Fogle's death.

For several years the family of our subject resided in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she was born, and where she had exceptional opportunities for culture, which she improved as she grew up, and her intellectual prospects from early childhood were flattering. She had excellent qualities of voice, which were properly trained, and on nearly all public occasions her talents were in demand: both as a singer and player, for she was an accomplished musician. She attended the high school in Mt. Gilead, and later, for several years, became one of the most successful teachers therein. She took a course of study at the State Normal School at Oswego, New York, and was graduated therefrom in the year 1883. Miss Walter, the teacher of the training school said of her: "We rarely had among our students so bright and shining a light as Miss Fogle." Professor Poucher, the president of the Normal School, wrote: "She was a most excellent and progressive student and teacher."

Upon her graduation she became supervisor of teachers in the public schools of Trenton, New Jersey, where she took high rank. She may be classed as teacher with Miss Sarah Arnold, of Boston, and Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, now superintendent of public schools of Chicago.

For many years she was a supervisor of high standing of teachers. While teaching, or supervising, at Trenton, she made an exhibit of educational work at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, for which she was awarded the first prize.

Miss Fogle was noted for unusual strength and clearness of intellect, great self-command and reserve power, keen sympathy, lofty ideals, refined dignity, and the rare ability to inspire in her pupils and associates a desire to attain the same high qualities.

At Trenton she fell seriously ill and was removed to a hospital in Philadelphia, where the best skilled specialists and nurses did all that could be done for her. She died January 21, 1895, in the forty-second year of her age, and her remains were brought to Mt. Gilead and rest in River Cliff cemetery, beside those of her father and mother.

This tribute is dedicated to her memory by a pupil who remembers her with deep affection and gratitude.

GEORGE W. MYERS.—One of the representative and popular residents of Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio, is George W. Myers, who owns and operates one of the best meat markets in this city. His life history displays many elements worthy of emulation, and

in the city where he has maintained his home since 1870 he has many friends, a fact which indicates that his career has ever been honorable and straightforward.

Mr. Meyers was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on the 14th of April, 1843, and he is a son of George and Mary A. (Huffman) Myers, both of whom were likewise born in Lancaster county, their ancestry being of German extraction. George W. was a youth of twelve years of age at the time of his parents' removal from Pennsylvania to Ohio, where settlement was made at Springfield, where the father engaged in the hotel business. He received his educational training in the common schools of his native county and in those of Springfield. In 1867 he took up his abode in Morrow county and three years later he established his home in Cardington, where he became interested in the butcher business, in which he has been engaged for fully two score years.. He owns the building in which he maintains his business headquarters and also has a fine residence located on South Marion street. Beginning life with no assets except persistency and a determination to forge ahead, Mr. Myers has wrested prosperity and success from poverty and for that reason his prominent position in the business world to-day is the more gratifying to contemplate. In his political convictions he is aligned as a staunch advocate of the cause of the Democratic party and though he has never been desirous of political preferment of any description he has ever contributed in generous measure to all matters tending to enhance the general welfare of the community. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Knights of Maccabees, in which he carries an insurance. He and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church and they have been most zealous factors in religious activities.

In the year 1889 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Myers to Miss Lucy Kerwicher, who was born and reared in Ottawa, Ohio, and who is a daughter of John Kerwicher, a representative citizen of Morrow county. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have two children, Fannie, who was born in Morrow county, and who was graduated in the local high school as a member of the class of 1908; and Frank L., who is attending school.

THOMAS E. LONG.—That success is most worthy and most to be valued is won through personal endeavor, and the man who contends valiantly with opposing forces, overcomes obstacles and presses steadily and courageously forward toward the goal of independence and definite prosperity gains an incidental discipline that makes him stronger and better and that gives him a broader comprehension of the realities and responsibilities of life. Among the sterling citizens of Morrow county who have been dependent upon their own resources in fighting the stern battle of life is Thomas E. Long, who is now numbered among the representative

farmers and stock growers of Cardingtowm township, where his finely improved farm of eighty acres stands in tangible evidence of his former years of earnest toil and endeavor. He learned the lessons of practical industry while he was yet a mere boy, and the spur of necessity quickened the laudable ambition that prompted him to labor with all of earnestness and assiduity until he could realize its fulness, in becoming an independent farmer, a successful exponent of the great basic industry of agriculture. With the aid of his cherished and devoted wife he has accomplished this worthy end, and he has so ordered his course as to gain and retain the inviolable confidence and esteem of his fellow men. There have been no dramatic incidents in his career, but it has been marked by consecutive and productive industry and by personal integrity, so that he has contributed his quota to the well being of the world and has not been a parasitic influence, as are many whose early advantages and fortuitous circumstances should have enabled them to become worthy integers in connection with the activities of life. Mr. Long's standing in the county that has been his home from his boyhood days is such as to well entitle him to recognition in this publication.

Thomas E. Long claims the old Keystone state of the Union as the place of his nativity. He was born near the village of Mapleton, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, on the 11th of March, 1862, and is a son of James and Catherine Long, both of whom were likewise natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared to maturity and where they received the advantages of the common schools of the day. James Long devoted his entire active career to agricultural pursuits and continued his residence in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, until his death, in 1865, at which time he was comparatively a young man. He was a stalwart Republican in his political proclivities and was a man of sterling character.

He whose name initiates this article was a child of two and one-half years at the time of his father's death, and his widowed mother soon afterward removed to Morrow county, Ohio, where certain relatives had previously established their home. She was in straitened financial circumstances, and under these conditions consulted expediency and made the best possible provision for her little son by placing him in the care of a farmer of Canaan township, in whose home he was reared to the age of twelve years. His mother continued to maintain her home in this county until her death, and was summoned to the life eternal when about seventy-three years of age. Thomas E. Long's early educational advantages were limited to a somewhat irregular attendance in the district schools, and his fellowship with honest toil began when he was a mere boy. He was reared to the work of the farm, and he has had the good judgment never to withdraw his allegiance to the great industry of agriculture, through the benignant medium of which he has gained to himself a position of independence and

marked prosperity. At the age of twelve years he found a home and employment on the farm of Jasper Bradford, of Canaan township, and he continued to be thus engaged until the time of his marriage, at the age of twenty-four years. When twenty-one years of age he was granted wages of sixteen dollars a month, and for a short time after his marriage he worked by the day, for the stipend of one dollar a day.

In the spring of 1887, a few months after he had assumed connubial responsibilities and gained the encouragement of a devoted wife and helpmeet, Mr. Long rented a farm of one hundred acres, in Canaan township, and thus initiated his independent career, though his tangible assets aside from his stanch personal qualifications were exceedingly limited. He was at the time the owner of a little driving mare, and this animal he traded for a heavy work horse, for which he paid an extra sum of seventy dollars, giving his note for the same and assuming the further obligation of interest at the rate of eight per cent. In further necessary preparation for his new enterprise he negotiated a loan of one hundred and thirty dollars, and on this amount likewise he paid interest of eight per cent. He purchased another work horse and set himself vigorously to the work of conducting active operations on the farm which he had rented of Frederick C. Gillson. A cow which he owned, and which was valued at eighteen dollars, he traded for a second hand wagon, and his landlord kindly supplied him with a plow that had likewise seen former service. In addition to these primitive equipments he purchased a harrow for two and one-half dollars and expended fifteen dollars for a corn plow. It will thus be seen that conditions were none too propitious for the young husbandman, but he had strength and health and determination, and thus faced the situation fearlessly with ambition to make the best of the means at hand. Encumbered with debt and working the farm "on shares," meaning that his landlord was to receive one half of the products of the farm each year, he turned his energies into play and soon began the forward march to safe vantage ground of success. The most scrupulous economy on the part of himself and his wife was coupled with their indefatigable industry, and they endured much to gain little in the earlier stages of their married life. But there was an advance, and they never faltered in their efforts or courage. For twenty long years Mr. Long continued to be engaged in farming on rented land, and at the expiration of this period, in March, 1904, he and his wife decided that they were justified in purchasing a home of their own, as they were now free from indebtedness and had a reserve fund of somewhat more than two thousand dollars. After due investigation and consideration, they purchased their present farm of eighty acres, in Cardington township, and the same was secured for the sum of fifty-two hundred dollars, of which amount they paid two thousand dollars in cash and assumed a mortgage for the balance.

The land is of marked fertility and has been brought up to a fine state of productiveness under the able management of Mr. Long, who has made many improvements on the place, including the installation of tile drainage, and the expenditure of fully fourteen hundred dollars in the remodeling of the house and other buildings, all of which are now in fine order and indicate thrift and prosperity. Within the six years that have intervened since he purchased this fine property Mr. Long has freed the same from the burden of the mortgage, and his wife has proved his efficient and valued adviser and coadjutor. Prosperity of established order is now theirs, and none can doubt that it has been most worthily won. It can be a matter of no slight gratification to them that they have thus gained independence and the prospect of the coming years stretches pleasing to their view, as they may well feel that at last their "lines are cast in pleasant places."

Working and planning with all earnestness, Mr. Long has had neither inclination or time to devote to the turbulence of practical politics, but he is a stanch supporter of the cause of the Republican party and ever ready to lend his aid and influence in support of measures and enterprises projected for the general good of the community. He and his wife are appreciative of the value of educational advantages, have given their children excellent opportunities, and are earnest supporters of the public schools. Their labors and accomplishment afford both lesson and incentive to other young couples who are compelled to work out their own salvation, and their success is the logical result of energy, industry, frugality and invincible determination. Both Mr. and Mrs. Long are members of the Methodist Protestant church, in which he is identified with the South Canaan Society and she with a similar organization in Hardin county. They have contributed their quota to the support of religious and benevolent work and have an abiding sympathy for all those in affliction and distress, so that they are ever ready to lend a helping hand to the unfortunate. They have secure hold upon the confidence and regard of all who know them and are popular factors in the social activities of their home township.

On the 18th of August, 1886, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Long to Miss Martha Thew Key, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, on the 31st of October, 1861, and who is the second in order of birth of the seven sons and two daughters born to Henry and Mary Thew (Wittred) Key. All of the children are living but one who died in infancy and all reside in Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Key were born and reared in Lincolnshire, England, and soon after their marriage they immigrated to America. The voyage was a most tempestuous one and the sailing vessel on which the same was made felt to the full the warring forces of the "merciful, merciless, sea," with the result that the jaded and weary passengers frequently felt that the stanch little craft would not

weather the storms that assailed it. After six weeks on the ocean Mr. and Mrs. Key landed in New York City, whence they came as soon as possible to Marion county, Ohio. Upon their arrival their financial resources were summed up in the pitiful amount of two and one-half dollars. Mr. Key secured work digging ditches in Marion county, and received in compensation for his arduous toil sixty-two and one-half cents a day. At the opening of the year 1911 he is found as the owner of a finely improved farm of ninety-five acres, in Marion county, and he and his devoted wife have reared their large family of children to lives of usefulness and honor, while now they themselves are enjoying the gracious rewards of former years of toil and endeavor, secure in the esteem of all who know them. Mrs. Long was educated in the public schools of her native country, and is a woman of genial personality—a devoted wife and a loving mother, and has the affectionate regard of all who have come within the sphere of her kindly influence. Mr. and Mrs. Long have two children, both of whom have been accorded the advantages of the excellent public schools of their native county. Burton E. is associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm and proves an able and valuable coadjutor; and Zelda B., who likewise remains at the parental home, has much musical talent. She is devoting careful attention to the study of the “divine art,” and her ambition is to become a teacher of both vocal and instrumental music.

WILLIAM MCCrackEN.—Among the many representative citizens of the present generation who are devoting their entire time and attention to the great basic industry of agriculture in Morrow county, Ohio, is William McCracken, who owns and operates the old Joseph Sellers farm, eligibly located in Harmony township. Mr. McCracken is engaged in general farming and the raising of high-grade live stock and through persistency and well applied endeavor he has made of success not an accident but logical result. He is a loyal and public-spirited citizen and contributes in generous measure to all projects advanced for the good of the general welfare.

Mr. William McCracken was born in Harmony township, Morrow county, Ohio, the date of his nativity being the 30th of August, 1873, and he is a son of Isaac and Almeda (Sellers) McCracken, the former of whom was summoned to eternal rest, and the latter of whom is now residing in Crawford county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac McCracken became the parents of three children, concerning whom the following data are here recorded; Alice is the wife of John George, of Morrow county, Ohio; George married Miss Anna Stoggle, of Knox county; and William, the youngest in order of birth, is the immediate subject of this review. The father of the above children was born and reared in Morrow county and he was a son of Charles McCracken, while the mother

was born on a farm on which William McCracken now resides, she being a daughter of Joseph Sellers.

Reared to maturity on the old homestead farm on which he was born, William McCracken waxed strong physically and mentally as a result of his strenuous out-of-door life. His early educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools and he remained at home, helping his father in the work and management of the home farm until he had reached his legal majority. Shortly after his marriage, in 1893, he rented a farm in this township, operating the same until 1903, in which year he purchased the old Joseph Sellers estate, the same comprising ninety acres of most arable land. During his residence on this place Mr. McCracken has erected a fine, modern barn and he has remodeled the house so that it is now one of the most spacious and attractive residences in the township. While Mr. McCracken has never manifested aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office he is deeply and sincerely interested in all matters which make for progress and development and in politics he exercises his franchise in favor of the Democratic party. He and his family are zealous members of the Baptist church, to whose charities and benevolence he has been a liberal contributor.

Mr. McCracken married Miss Ollie Warner, who was born and reared in Harmony township, this county, and who is a daughter of Merrill and Mary (Rolling) Warner, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. McCracken was born on the 17th of July, 1872, and she received her education in the district schools of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken are the parents of four children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here recorded: Fred, June 26, 1893, is engaged in farming, Morrow county; Aral, August 2, 1895; Iris, October 13, 1898; and Bertha, September 4, 1903, the latter three of whom remain at the parental home. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken are popular and prominent in connection with the best social activities of their home community and their comfortable and home-like abode is a recognized center of gracious refinement and hospitality.

WILLIAM ELSWORTH WILSON.—In South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, William Elsworth Wilson is engaged in diversified agriculture. There in the midst of highly cultivated fields stand good buildings and an air of nearness and thrift pervades the place, indicating the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner. He represents one of the pioneer families of the fine old Buckeye state and is numbered among the native sons of Knox county, his birth having there occurred on the 15th of August, 1863. His parents, William and Sarah A. (Hayes) Wilson, were both natives of Pennsylvania, whence they came to Ohio about 1850, settling in Knox county, slightly east of Sparta. Location was made on a farm of two hundred and twelve acres,

where Mr. and Mrs. Wilson reared a family of thirteen children, namely: Elizabeth, Annie, Joseph R., Wesley H., William E., John M., Emma A., Oliver D., Clara, Richard B., Arthur M., Bertha M. and Hattie D., all of whom are living in 1911, except Elizabeth, who was summoned to the life eternal in 1904. The father was a general farmer, was a staunch Republican in his political proclivities and during his life time was connected with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a prominent worker. He died about 1896, and his cherished and devoted wife passed away about 1898.

William E. Wilson, the immediate subject of this review, grew up on the old home farm, in the work and management of which he early began to assist his father, and he continued to reside at home until his marriage, in 1888. Immediately after that event he established his home on a farm in Knox county, where the family home was maintained for a period of eleven years, at the expiration of which, in 1899, removal was made to the fine farm of two hundred acres in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, where he has resided during the long intervening years to the present time. In politics he accords a stalwart allegiance to the principles and policies of the Republican party and he has served with efficiency for eight years on the township board of trustees. His religious faith is in harmony with the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he a trustee. Mr. Wilson has been a coöperant factor in many movements which have been of marked benefit to the township and county. Honored and respected by all, the high position which he occupies in public regard has come to him not alone because of his success in business, but also because of the straightforward, honorable policy he has ever followed. Honor and integrity are synonymous with his name and there is no citizen in Morrow county more highly esteemed than is William E. Wilson.

On the 14th of March, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Wilson to Miss Lulu Mitchell, who was born in Morrow county, on the 12th day of May, 1866. She is a daughter of Lewis and Lenora (Osborn) Mitchell, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell became the parents of six children—Charles M., Ellen M., Lulu M., William D., Edwin W., Elmer C., all of whom are living. Mr. Mitchell was identified with the great basic art of agriculture during the major portion of his active business career. He and his wife were members of the Disciple church and he was a member of the board of school directors. In politics he was aligned as a stalwart in the ranks of the Republican party and he was incumbent of various public offices of important trust and responsibility. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have three children—Hazel G., born on the 9th of March, 1891, as educated in the Sparta high school and she is now residing at home; Ernest H., born February 8, 1897, is a student in the Sparta high school;

and Homer E., whose birth occurred on the 20th of May, 1903, is attending school in South Bloomfield township.

Mr. Wilson is one of the leading raisers of fine Delaine sheep, registered, and he is a regular attendant at the state fair of Ohio and other fairs of prominence. He is a successful and up-to-date farmer, and the pretty homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson is known as the "Idlewild Stock Farm."

AMOS RINEHART has a finely improved and strictly up-to-date farm of eighty acres of most arable land in Troy township, Morrow county, where he is engaged in diversified agriculture and the raising of breded horses. Mr. Rinehart is also the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of splendid farming land in Texas and he is a citizen who has ever manifested a deep and sincere interest in all matters touching the welfare of the community in which he has long resided.

In Perry township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 14th of May, 1866, occurred the birth of Amos Rinehart, who is a son of Michael B. and Margaret (Baker) Rinehart, both of whom are now deceased. The father was born on the 11th of April, 1825 and he was summoned to the life eternal on the 6th of May, 1880. On the 13th of June, 1852, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Michael Rinehart to Miss Margaret E. Baker, whose natal day was the 31st of July, 1834, and who passed into the great beyond on the 30th of March, 1910. The family name in Germany was spelled Reinhardt, but in Morrow county it is spelled Rinehart. The original progenitor of the Rinehart family in America was Jacob Rinehart, Sr., great-grandfather of him to whom this sketch is dedicated. Jacob Rinehart claimed the great Empire of Germany as the place of his nativity and he immigrated to the United States in an early day where he turned his time and attention to farming. He became the father of seven children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth: George, Conrad, Jacob, Michael, Peter, Betsey and Polly. Conrad Rinehart married and had the following children: Polly, Jacob, Sally, Betsey, John, Yettie, Daniel, Lydia, Susan, Michael and Conrad. Michael Rinehart, father of the immediate subject of this sketch, married Margaret Baker, as previously noted, and they became the parents of sixteen children, concerning whom the following brief data are here recorded: Josiah, born on January 23, 1853, died on the 11th of May, 1854; Almeda, born August 27, 1854, is now the wife of George W. Fringer, of Kansas; Louisa, born on the 11th of December, 1885, married Upton Lucas, of Perry county; Lydia, born on the 24th of February, 1857, wedded R. M. Stull and they maintain their home at Troy; Mary S., born on the 19th of May, 1858, is the wife of Emanuel Grogg and they reside at North Woodbury; Levi B., born on the 22nd of October, 1859, married Miss Mattie Feigley and they live in Morrow county; Barbara E.,

born on the 2nd of February, 1861, is the wife of J. W. Dukman, of Galion, Ohio; George C., born on the 6th of March, 1862, married Lydia Lewis and they maintain their home in Perry township; Sarah A., born on the 13th of July, 1863, became the wife of Daniel W. Feigley, of Perry township; Charles B., born on the 16th of March, 1865, married Emma Lucas and they live at Troy; Amos is the immediate subject of this review; Silas C., born on the 25th of September, 1867, married Della Quay and they are now living at Troy; Adam B., born January 24, 1870, married Maude Shamble and they reside in Troy township; Jacob H., born on the 24th of March, 1872, is single and lives in California; Arthur S., born on the 18th of May, 1873, wedded Miss Nevada Carpenter and they maintain their home in Perry township; and John A., born on the 12th of December, 1874, married Miss Belle Carpenter and they live in Perry township.

Amos Rinehart was reared to the sturdy influence of the home farm in Perry township, this county, and he early became associated with his father in the work and management of the parental farm. His educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools, which he attended during the winter terms. When he had attained to the age of seventeen years he began to work as a farm hand for different farmers in Perry township and after his marriage, in 1891, he settled on his present splendid estate of eighty acres in Troy township, on which he has continued to maintain his home during the long intervening years to 1911. In addition to his landed interests in Morrow county he is the owner of a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of finely improved land in Texas, and he also has had land holdings in the state of Washington. While much of his attention is devoted to general farming he is also deeply interested in the breeding of high-grade horses and in the same has made a great success.

On the 15th of January, 1891, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Rinehart to Miss Wilda M. Ross, who was born on the farm on which she and her husband now reside, the date of her nativity being the 4th of July, 1867. She is a daughter of Robert and Lydia (Snyder) Ross, the former of whom was born in Troy township and who was called to eternal rest in the year 1895. Mrs. Rinehart was educated in the common schools of this locality and she is a woman of rare charm and most gracious personality. She is deeply beloved by all her friends and acquaintances and her home is a center of most refined hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart have two children, Vonnice B., born on the 15th of March, 1892, was graduated in the Lexington high school as a member of the class of 1911; and Robert R., born on the 12th of March, 1900, is now attending the district schools.

In his political convictions Mr. Rinehart is a loyal Democrat in all matters of national import but in local affairs he maintains

an independent attitude, preferring to give his support to men and measures meeting with the approval of his judgment rather than to follow along strictly partisan lines. While he has never been fired with ambition for the honors or emoluments of political office of any description he is most active and sincere in his support of all projects advanced for the good of the community and county at large. In their religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart are devout members of the St. Paul Evangelical church and they are interested factors in the various departments of church work. Mr. Rinehart is a man of fine, straightforward conduct, one who is fair and honorable in all his business dealings, and as a citizen he commands the unalloyed confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

DANIEL BEERS ELDRIDGE, a prosperous farmer residing a short distance north of Pulaskevill in Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio, was born in this county and, having passed his early life here, returned in later years to renew his identity with the locality. He dates his birth in Franklin township December 8, 1828, a son of pioneers of this vicinity. His father, Harvey Perry Eldridge, was a native of New York state, who came in early life to the Western Reserve and made settlement on a section of wild land in Franklin township, Morrow county, which he entered from the government. Here he subsequently married Miss Margaret Beers, whose parents were settlers in the pioneer community. Harvey P. and Margaret Eldridge were the parents of eight children, one of whom, Judson, died in army service at Corinth, Mississippi. The father died at the age of fifty-two years; the mother at sixty-four.

Daniel B. Eldridge grew up on his father's farm, working in the fields in summer and during the winter attending school at Pulaskevill. In 1861 he married Miss Mahalia Lovett, of this township, and two children were born to them while they resided in Morrow county, a son and a daughter. The former, Elmer Elsworth Eldridge, a young man of great promise, died in 1898, at the age of thirty-four years, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he had gone for the benefit of his health. The daughter, Eva, was born in 1876, and is now the wife of Frederick Owens, a druggist and one of the prominent citizens of Almont, De Kalb county, Missouri.

In early life Mr. Eldridge disposed of his holdings in Ohio and moved to De Kalb county, Missouri, where he bought a farm of one hundred and ninety-five acres, near Maysville, the county seat, where he resided for a number of years, and for a time was fairly prosperous. In February, 1889, his wife died and was buried in that county, beside her mother, Sarah Ann Lovett, who had accompanied them to Missouri and whose death occurred some years previous to that of Mrs. Eldridge's. In 1891, two years

after the death of his wife, Mr. Eldridge came back to the state of his nativity and again took up his abode in Morrow county. Here six years later on the 4th of August, 1891, he married Miss Polly Hart. They purchased a farm of sixty acres, where they now reside in a pleasant country home and where they are surrounded with all the comforts of life. Mr. Eldridge prides himself on the fine fruit he raises here, and his Delaine sheep are noted throughout the county. Mrs. Eldridge, also a native of Morrow county, is a daughter of Levi and Leah Hart, pioneer settlers of the county.

ORLANDO D. PHILLIPS.—The ranks of old patriot soldiers, who were so loyal in the defense of their country in her urgent need, are gradually becoming thinned, and thus it is a matter of special gratification to the publishers of this volume to here accord recognition to one who fought and bled at the shrine of Union. Orlando D. Phillips has passed practically his entire active business career in Harmony township, Morrow county, Ohio, where he is the owner of a splendid farm of three hundred and twenty acres of well cultivated land. He is engaged in diversified agriculture and the growing of live stock and in these lines of enterprise he has met with unqualified success.

Orlando D. Phillips was born at Granville, Licking county, Ohio, the date of his nativity being the 21st of November, 1845. He is a son of Benjamin and Margaret (Johnson) Phillips, both of whom were born and reared in Licking county, Ohio, where was solemnized their marriage. Benjamin Phillips came to Morrow county from Newark, Ohio, in 1854, and he located on a farm in Harmony township, on which he continued to reside during the remainder of his life. With the passage of years he accumulated a large estate, owning at one time as much as four hundred and fifty acres of fine Buckeye lands. He was a well educated man and was widely renowned as an orator of marked eloquence. He was a staunch Republican in his political proclivities and for a number of years served with the utmost efficiency as a member of the board of county commissioners of Morrow county. He was the father of five children, all of whom are now deceased except Orlando D., the immediate subject of this review. Benjamin Phillips was summoned to the life eternal in the year 1891, and his cherished and devoted wife passed away in 1911. Both were highly esteemed in their home township, where they were active factors in progress and development.

On the old homestead farm in Harmony township Orlando D. Phillips was reared to adult age, and as a boy and youth he attended the public schools of this section. When but seventeen years of age he became fired with boyish enthusiasm and enlisted as a soldier in Company C, Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the date of the beginning of his military career being the 29th of

January, 1862. He was in the Eastern army during the first year and a half of his service and during that time participated in the second battle of Bull Run, the battle of Chancellorsville and the conflict at Gettysburg. Subsequently he was with Joe Hooker and took part in the battle of Lookout Mountain. He was twice wounded, at the battle of Resaca in the left thigh, and at Atlanta in the lungs. He was with Sherman on his memorable march to the sea and throughout his military career he saw hard service. Before the close of the war he was promoted to the rank of corporal and he received his honorable discharge and was mustered out of the service on the 3d of August, 1865. One of his brothers, Oliver P. Phillips, gave up his life in the service of his country. Mr. Phillips, of this notice, retains a deep interest in his old comrades in arms and signifies the same by membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he is a valued and appreciative member of Marengo Post. As a reward for his services during the Civil war he receives a pension of twenty-four dollars per month.

When peace had again been established Mr. Phillips returned to Morrow county, Ohio, where he worked on his father's farm until his marriage, in 1867. After that important event he began to farm on his own account and he now owns a splendid estate of three hundred and twenty acres, all of which is in a high state of cultivation. The fine substantial buildings, located in the midst of well cared-for fields are ample proof of the owner's thrift and industry. In addition to his farming operations he raises high-grade stock and everywhere he is recognized as a farmer and business man of reliable methods and sterling integrity. He and his wife are devout members of the Disciple church at Wildcat and he is affiliated with a number of fraternal and social organizations of representative character. His political convictions are in harmony with the principle promulgated by the Republican party and he is ever on the alert to do all in his power to advance the general welfare of his home community and county.

Mr. Phillips has been twice married, his first union being to Miss Mariah Long, the ceremony having been performed on the 19th of January, 1867. To this marriage were born four children, three of whom are living in 1911, namely: Emma, who is the wife of Arthur Hayden; Eddie B., who is unmarried and who remains at the parental home; and Starley H., who is engaged in agriculture and who resides in Harmony township. Mrs. Phillips was called to eternal rest on the 24th day of March, 1892, and subsequently Mr. Phillips married Miss Addie B. Turner. The latter union has been prolific of one child; Freddie D., who was born on the 19th of April, 1899, and who is now attending the district schools in this township. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are popular and prominent citizens in Harmony township and they command the high regard of all with whom they have come in contact.



Annette Bartlett Scott

ANNETTE M. BARTLETT SCOTT is the daughter of Abner and Eliza Annette Adams Bartlett, and was born at the old homestead northeast of Mt. Gilead June 20, 1863. She first attended the country district schools and then the Mt. Gilead High School from 1878, and in which she was graduated in June, 1882; was then one year at the Normal College, Lebanon, Ohio, from which she was graduated in 1883, and the following year was librarian at the Normal College at Lebanon, Ohio. The following year she taught school in Warren county, Ohio, and in the latter part of 1885 she entered the State Normal School at Oswego, New York, and in February, 1887, she was graduated from the same with the highest honors of her class and was made valedictorian.

At her graduation she was asked to become the principal of the Normal Mission School for girls of the Presbyterian church in the city of Mexico, Mexico, then vacant. After careful consideration of this call, and with the advice of friends at home, she decided to undertake this work of great responsibility. Some of the pleasant features of the work in this school were the amiability and loving and lovable dispositions of the girls; their instant and unquestioning obedience to every requirement of their teachers; their uniform politeness; their brightness of intellect and their success in their studies. She arrived at the city of Mexico in April, 1887, and took charge of the school, and within one year taught the classes in Spanish, though without knowledge of that language on her arrival. In the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth years of her work classes were graduated, and the standing in scholarship of the young ladies was equal to that of young ladies graduated from normal schools in the United States.

This article would be incomplete if no mention were made of Miss Bartlett's rare excellence of character. We strew costly flowers when it is too late, and often withhold words of encouragement and praise that would have strengthened and cheered some fainting heart. Miss Bartlett was eminently fitted for the work she undertook, bringing to it a well trained mind, richly endowed by nature, to which had been added the graces of culture. That she was signally successful was no surprise to those who knew her. Modest and unassuming in a marked degree; shrinking from appearing in public, even when urged to do so, but when speaking of "her girls" impressing her hearers with her deep interest in their welfare and her sincere desire to benefit and uplift them. Gentle and refined in her nature, yet strong and self-reliant when occasion required.

Well does the writer recall her feelings when Miss Bartlett left her northern home and friends to undertake grave responsibilities and duties in a distant land and among a strange people—the thought that a young life of much promise would be almost wasted came to her, but she has lived to feel rebuked that she ever enter-

tained the thought that such strength and purity of character, such steadfastness of purpose and such earnest Christian endeavor could be wasted in any land or among any people.

It is a gratification to Miss Bartlett's friends to know that her work was and is appreciated. To many poor Mexican girls her example is a guiding star, leading them to truer and nobler womanhood. Long will she be remembered with gratitude and affection in many an humble home in that distant land.

During the more than nine years of her teaching in the Mission School, besides acquiring a complete knowledge of the Spanish language, she also acquired the French language. The year's leave of absence in 1894 she spent at Wellesley College and the Summer School at Harvard University, continuing her study of modern languages and philosophy.

The climate of the city and valley of Mexico, in which the city is located, and the altitude of the same, which is 7,435 feet above the level of the ocean, are both trying to the health of natives of the north, and she had repeatedly suffered in her health. In June, 1896, on account of her health and for other good reasons she resigned her position as principal of said school. For nearly five years prior to May 2, 1901, she was professor of music and mathematics in the State Normal School at North Adams, Massachusetts. She went to Europe in the summer of 1889 for a few months of travel and study.

On May 27, 1901, she was married to Joseph Scott, of Miles City, Montana, at Trinity church, Chicago, by Dr. William C. Richardson (now of Philadelphia), in the presence of a few friends.

For six months they made their home at Berkley, California, but business reasons required a change, and they made their home in Spokane, Washington.

He was one of nature's noblemen; of English and Scotch-Irish descent, and their married life of nearly five years was one of unalloyed happiness. He was taken sick in the fall of the year 1905, from over-exertion and exposure, and after partial recovery his physicians advised a trip to the Mediterranean as a means to complete recovery, and on December 18, 1905, with wife, nurse and physician, the trip from Spokane to New York was undertaken, and after a fortnight of rest from the journey, on January 9, 1906, the voyage to Naples, Italy, with wife and nurse, was undertaken, and thence to Cairo, Egypt, returning to Naples after a month at Cairo. Though at first he improved with the voyage, all that could be done was of no avail, and he died March 24, 1906, at Naples, Italy. His widow brought his remains to Spokane, and they are interred in Fairmount cemetery.

She has yet her home in Spokane, Washington, going across, every few years, to the north of Ireland for a few months with her husband's people at the old Scott homestead. Down to May, 1901, her home was Mt. Gilead.



John, Sellers

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JOHN SELLARS.—Memory and its one enduring medium of expression, the written word, constitute the only link between past and present, the only tangible earnest of the future. Thus the reminiscences of the pioneer should ever be treasured and perpetuated, that the lessons of the days that have fled may not be lost or left unappreciated. One of the honored and venerable pioneer citizens of Morrow county whose mind holds the gracious heritage of the past and the knowledge of the present, with its opulent prosperity and advancement, is John Sellars, who is one of the best known citizens of Cardington township, where he is passing the glowing evening of his day in that peace and plenty that constitute the fitting reward for past years of earnest toil and endeavor. He is one of those sterling and sturdy citizens who have aided in the developing of this section from the status of little more than a sylvan wild to its present condition, "where every prospect pleases," and where the present generation is enjoying to the fullest extent the bounteous aftermath of the seed sown in arduous toil, in privations and in the isolation of the pioneer days. In view of the present conditions it seems hardly possible that within the borders of Morrow county are yet to be found those who recall the primitive period through personal memory and association, and when such are found their reminiscences should be given an enduring place through such publications as the one here presented.

Thus is offered a brief outline of the career of Mr. Sellars, with such incidental record as he has seen fit to offer concerning the "dear, dead days beyond recall." He and his noble wife remember well the time when the pioneer agriculturists of this section of the state still had recourse to the plow with the wooden mould-board, the sickle, the scythe, the flail, the cradle for garnering the wheat, the while the domestic economies were fostered by the spinning wheels for both wool and flax; the primitive hand looms, by which were manufactured the fabrics for clothing and for general household use; the old-time fireplaces, which furnished both warmth and the means of preparing food; and other accessories whose crudtity would utterly baffle successful efforts on the part of the housewife of the present day. It is much to have witnessed the transformation that has been wrought along all lines, the progress that has culminated in the splendid twentieth century, with greater auguries for the future, and it is a matter of gratification even to revert thus briefly to the labors and methods of those who laid broad and deep the foundations upon which has been reared so grand a superstructure of civilization.

John Sellars finds a due meed of satisfaction in that he can claim the old Buckeye state as the place of his nativity and in that he is a scion of one of its sterling pioneer families. He was born in Perry county, Ohio, on the 1st of November, 1827, and thus has passed the eightieth mile-stone on the journey of life. He is the

eldest in the family of three sons and one daughter born to Jacob and Effie (Fluckey) Sellars, and of the number two others besides himself are still living. Margaret is the widow of Lewis Queen, of Cardington township, Morrow county, where she still remains on her fine homestead farm. She likewise is an octogenarian and is one of the revered pioneer women of the county. She has two sons and one daughter, and they accord to her the utmost filial solicitude. George, the only surviving brother of him whose name initiates this review, is likewise one of the representative agriculturists and influential citizens of Cardington township. Of his children two sons and one daughter are living.

Jacob Sellars, who was one of the early settlers of Perry county, Ohio, was a scion of the stanch Pennsylvania German stock and was a man of strong character and unfaltering industry. He took an intelligent interest in public affairs and was aligned as a stalwart supporter in the cause of the Democratic party, as exemplifying the principles of Jefferson and Jackson. He settled in what is now Cardington township, Morrow county, before this county had been erected, and here he purchased three hundred and sixty acres of heavily timbered land, upon which he built his primitive log house—a mere cabin, without even the provision of windows. His son John, to whom this sketch is dedicated, can well remember this rude domicile and he recalls that on various occasions it was necessary to build at night a fire in the middle of the room to keep the wolves from entering the door, whose only protection was a blanket. The land thus secured by Jacob Sellars was purchased from a man named Buzley, and the latter had secured the tract from the government. The Sellars family still retain the original government deed, which is a document of much historic interest as well as a valued family heirloom. Jacob Sellars instituted the reclamation of a farm in the midst of the virgin forest and in this work he was ably assisted by his sturdy sons. He continued to reside in Cardington township until his death, which occurred in the year 1849, and his name merits a place on the roster of the worthy pioneers of this country. His wife was also of German ancestry, and, indeed, her parents were natives of Germany. Her father, George Fluckey, was a valiant soldier in the Continental line in the war of the Revolution, and in later years often related incidents concerning the days passed at Valley Forge and Trenton and concerning General Washington, under whom he served. The service of this loyal soldier renders Mr. Sellars and his sons eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution and his daughters to membership in the allied organization, the Daughters of the American Revolution. The devoted wife and mother, Mrs. Effie (Fluckey) Sellars, was summoned to eternal rest when about eighty-three years of age, having long survived her husband. She was an earnest and consistent member of the Protestant Methodist church. They lived lives of

signal usefulness and honor and ever commanded the unequivocal confidence and esteem of all who knew them.

John Sellars was a lad of but seven years at the time of the family removal to what is now Morrow county, and here he has maintained his home during the long intervening years, marked by large and worthy accomplishment on his part as one of the world's noble army of workers. Under the sturdy disciplines of the pioneer farm the youth waxed strong in mind and body, and it is worthy of special note that in making the trip from Perry county to the new home in Morrow county the seven-year-old boy walked the greater portion of the distance, driving the cattle and sheep. His early educational advantages were secured in the primitive log school house common to the pioneer days. The building was about eighteen feet square and constructed of round logs. The floor was of puncheon, and slabs served for seats and desks, while the requisite heat for the winter terms was provided by a cavernous fireplace, which belehed its smoke through a chimney of sticks and mud. The slab benches had no backs and the smaller boys would be compelled to sit on these rude seats throughout each day's session with their little legs waving in air. The general desk used by the pupils was a wide board running along the sides of the room and resting on pegs driven into the log walls for support. The fire-place, with its giant logs, gave to the pupils an extraordinary warmth of face and equal chilliness of back. The schools were conducted on the subscription plan and the teacher "boarded around" among the various families whose children gained their instruction in these rude "temples of learning," from which has been "graduated" many a man who has attained distinction in our nation. At the school the teacher would most frequently secure his or her luncheon from the well filled baskets of the pupils, and the fare provided would prove tempting to many a man of even epicurean tastes, as it frequently included corn pone, quail, rabbit hams, venison, etc. Money was a scarce article in the pioneer communities and the emolument of the teachers was correspondingly small. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Sellars applied for the position of teacher in the school in her neighborhood, and while she was well qualified her services were refused because she demanded one dollar a week in "salary," while another young woman accepted the responsibility at a stipend of seventy-five cents a week.

Though his early educational advantages were thus limited, Mr. Sellars had an alert and receptive mind and thus profited generously from the lessons gained under the direction of that wisest of all headquarters, experience. He is a man of broad mental ken and through self-discipline and association with men and affairs has gained a large fund of information, so that he has ever been well fortified in his convictions and opinions. He assisted materially in the reclamation and development of the home farm and

when twenty-one years of age he initiated his independent career by renting one hundred and sixty acres of the same.. Under these conditions he continued his labors for two years, and he had his full quota of perplexities and troubles in guiding the ox team and plow among the stumps of the partially reclaimed fields. In fact, he lived up to the full tension of the pioneer days, and his memory is a store house of interesting reminiscence. He relates that when he was a lad the pioneer farmers of this county would turn their hogs out in the woods to feed on the "mast," a term applied to the indigenous nuts, acorns, etc., to which the ambitious animals would give willing attention. Each owner had a defining mark for his swine and when the animals were properly fattened they were identified by these marks, which were duly recorded at the county seat. The insignia thus used by the father of Mr. Sellars for the identification of his wandering domestic beasts was a V-shaped "crop" in the right ear of each hog. The wolves were numerous and it was with great difficulty that the sheep were saved from depredations. On one occasion two wolves killed seventeen sheep owned by the subject of this review, and the bloodthirsty animals were tracked and finally killed. The social diversions of the early days were simple, but genial and kindly, and every pioneer door had its latch-string out, assuring welcome to friends and neighbors as well as to the way-faring man. Spelling matches, corn huskings, and other diversions afforded entertainment to the young and old, and envy, gossip and malice were virtually unknown among those who thus lived and labored under primitive but gracious environments and conditions. It was the privilege of Mr. Sellars to swing the old-fashioned grain-cradle from dewy morn until evening's shadows came, and in this and other arduous toil he justified the scriptural prophesy that "by the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." He was a strong, sturdy and industrious boy and was ever ready to bear to the full the heat and burden of the day, while he gained the reputation of being able with the help of his aged father, to equal in the harvest field in a day the work of two average men. In threshing out the grain he has vigorously swung the primitive flail, and he had recourse also to the use of horses in trampling out or threshing the wheat on the barn floor. All day application in this order of toil caused much "mortification of the flesh," but a night's rest would bring measurable relief to jaded muscles, for there was no shirking or apathy on the part of those who thus "worked out their own salvation."

When but twelve years of age Mr. Sellars hauled grain with team and wagon to Sandusky, a distance of one hundred miles, and on the return trip he brought such merchandise as was demanded by the family and neighbors. He made a number of such trips, and when but fourteen years of age he proved himself able to do a man's full work in connection with the arduous operations of

the pioneer farm. He recalls that the hay was raked up by hand in windrows, and that the pitchfork which he used was a forked stick, carefully selected and cut in the woods—a heavy and awkward implement for a mere boy to handle. Owing to the scarcity of money the neighboring farmers “exchanged work” during the busy seasons and thus no wages were demanded.. Wild game furnished bountifully the larders of the early settlers, and on his own farm Mr. Sellars has seen at the deer licks across the fields a number of herds of deer.. He has also participated in many of the old-time fox hunts, which were a source of much diversion to the pioneers.. Mr. Sellars was, like Nimrod, a “mighty hunter,” and he has tramped many a mile through the dim forest aisles in search of game. He began his formidable executions in this line by means of a primitive flint-lock gun, which he secured by trading a pig for the weapon. With this somewhat recalcitrant gun he would saunter forth in search of conquest, and his boyish ardor was not quenched by such parental admonitions as the following: “John, you will get the buck-ague and you cannot hit a door.” The lad was persistent and finally he placed himself in ambush and so effectively used his ancient weapon as to bring home a fine turkey, which evidence of prowess did much to silence the “carping critieism” which he had previously endured in the same kindly spirit in which it was given.

There were no matches in those days, and frequently when the fire had died on the hearth Mr. Sellars would replenish the same by shooting into a dry log and thus kindling a flame. Otherwise recourse was taken to flint and steel for this purpose. Coon hunting by the light of the moon was another disgression dear to the heart of young Sellars, and even after his marriage and his attaining to the dignity of a man of family the lure of this sport proved irresistible. His wife would often accompany him on such expeditions and would hold the torch which furnished him the necessary light for him to cut the tree in which his prey had found lodgment. Many a contest was held by the young men of the section in hunting for the birds and animals that devastated the crops, and in this they were encouraged by the farmers. On more than one occasion in such competition the laurels of victory fell to Mr. Sellars, the contest being decided by the number of heads or scalps brought in by the various competitors. The Indians still roamed about their ancient haunts and for some time a band of Wyandots had a camp near the home of Mr. Sellars. They would come each autumn and winter to hunt in this vicinity and often members of the band would call at his door. He has seen the march of progress file triumphantly on—the invention of the telegraph, the incoming railroad and other achievements of his boyhood and youth, and now he is in the era of wonderful electrical facilities, the navigation of the air and other marvels which in his youth would have been looked upon as in the realm of the impossible. All that

has been compassed in the lifetime of this honored pioneer is difficult to realize in a concrete way, but he has kept in pace with advancement and has been appreciative of the same, even as he was of the not benignant conditions and influences of the days of primitive things. It is a "far ery" from the lumber wagon as the only vehicle to the rushing, pulsing automobile; the tardy post, often through stage lines, to the telephone; the slow-going stage coach to the swift electric interurban service,—yet all these developments have been made within the memory of Mr. Sellars. He and his wife had no buggy or even spring wagon in their early married life, and they many a time made their way in stately dignity to the church three miles distant by means of ox-tram transport. After Mr. Sellars had become a member of the United Brethren church he handled all the logs which were utilized in the erection of the first church building of this denomination in his section of the county, and he and his wife were prominent factors in the work and merriment of the various log-rolling assemblies of the early days, when by this means provision was made for the erection of new cabins for the neighbors. Mr. Sellars was among the first experts in connection with such primitive architectural work, and Mrs. Sellars likewise came actively to the front in assisting in the preparation of the bounteous feast that was spread for the weary but happy workmen who had thus shown both their energy and good will.

On the 29th of March, 1849, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sellars to Miss Isabella J. Curl, and they became the parents of six sons and four daughters. Of the children now living brief record is given in the following paragraph, together with data concerning their children.

Selby, was one of the progressive and successful farmers and stock-growers of his native county, was afforded the advantages of the local schools and became a practical business man and honored citizen. He married Miss Nettie Barry and they had three sons and two daughters, namely: Neva is the wife of Charles Burgraff, a farmer of Cardington township, and the mother of Edith, Estella, and Carl Henry; Arthur, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Cardington township, married Miss Roma Gilson; Hayes, associated in the work on his father's farm, married Miss Florence Grover; Mae is the wife of Ernest Betts, a farmer of this county; and Clarence remains at the parental home. Selby Sellars was a Prohibitionist in politics and an active temperance worker, as well as a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Since the above was compiled of Mr. Sellars he died, and we herewith append the obituary from one of Morrow county papers.

"Selby Sellars, son of John and Jane Sellars, was born September 21, 1852, and died January 26, 1911. He was the second oldest of a family of ten children and the sixth to depart. He was united in marriage with Miss Nettie Barry April 3, 1879. To this union

six children were born, one of whom died in infancy or early childhood. Mr. Sellars was fifty-eight years, four months and five days old when he died. He leaves his aged parents, wife, two brothers, two sisters, three sons, two daughters, two grandchildren and a large company of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He was a home lover and here his absence will be most keenly felt. Mr. and Mrs. Sellars united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Bethel in 1894. He found real joy in the service of his Master. He was a loyal layman and gave himself with unreserved devotion to the varied duties of Christian manhood. For many years he was a class leader and at the time of his departure was a trustee of church property and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. As his church was next to his own home in his love and care, so there he will be greatly missed. None manifested a keener interest in the welfare of the Kingdom than he."

TRIBUTE OF BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS—It has pleased Almighty God to remove from us by death our beloved brother, Selby Sellars, Resolved, that while we deeply mourn the loss of our beloved brother, we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that in the death of Brother Sellars, our school has lost an efficient officer and a true Christian brother, our loss being his eternal gain. Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and one to the *Independent* for publication, and that they be placed on the record of our school.

IVAH FARLEE

C. A. KENNER

Committee of Bethel Sunday School

Wiley, the second of the living children of Mr. and Mrs. John Sellars, is another of the representative farmers of Cardington township. He married Miss Wealthy Schofield and they have two sons, Bernice, who is a farmer in Morrow county and who married Miss Gladys Clabaugh, and they have one little daughter; and Foid, who wedded Miss Vada Irwin and who likewise is a successful farmer of this county.

Amanda, who is the wife of Thomas Underhill, a farmer and carpenter of Union county, Ohio, has one daughter, Ida, a graduate. Thomas Underhill's first wife was Lueinda Sellars, a sister of his present wife, and the two surviving children of this union are Charles and John, both of whom are married. Charles is married to a lady of Union county, and has had a family of eight children, of whom one is dead. John, who graduated in the public schools of Newton, Union county, Ohio, is also married, and has one little daughter.

Isadora, the next of the children of Mr. Sellars, is the wife of George Van Shiver, a resident of Union county, Ohio.

Leamon, who remains with his parents on the old homestead and who has the general supervision of the same, is numbered among the able and popular exponents of the agricultural industry in his native county and is influential in local affairs of a public order.

Lovina, the deceased daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sellars, was the wife of Samuel H. Paste. They had one son, M. Gny, who was educated in the common schools and is a farmer. His mother died about 1894. She was a Christian lady, being a member of the church. He married Miss Anna Key, and they have three children; Wesley, Inez and Alta, all of whom are students in the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Sellars have reared their children to lives of usefulness and honor and all of them accord to the parents the most filial solicitude and affection.

Mrs. Sellars was born in Clark county, Ohio, on the 9th of January, 1828, and is a daughter of William and Margaret (Arbogast) Curl, of whose five children all are living except one. The Curl family has been one of prominence in Ohio, to which state the original representatives came from Virginia in the early pioneer days. The educational training of Mrs. Sellars was secured under the same conditions that compassed her husband, and their pioneer experiences have been similar in nearly all respects. It has already been noted that she proved herself eligible for the pedagogic profession when a young woman, but that her terms of one dollar a week in salary were so "excessive" as to give the distinction of one whose demands were less exorbitant. When Mr. and Mrs. Sellars began housekeeping their domestic appurtenances were meager in the extreme, the while their home was a log house of the time common to the locality and period. Side by side they have passed down the pathway of life, enduring their share of vicissitudes and hardships, joys and sorrows, and sustained and comforted by mutual love and sympathy. For more than sixty years has their companionship thus continued, and as the gracious shadows begin to lengthen from the golden west they can but feel that to them has been vouchsafed much of the good and many of the temporal blessings of life. Revered by their children and their children's children and residing in a community endeared to them by the memories and associations of the past, this venerable couple find that their lines are cast in pleasant places and that the gentle aftermath of the goodly harvest bears its own compensation and consolation. A true and devoted housemother has been Mrs. Sellars, and at the wheel and loom she labored, as well as in connection with other household duties, but she found time to inculcate, by precept and example, those high ideals that have found fruitage in the worthy lives of her children, who may, indeed, "rise up and call her blessed."

From the estate of his father Mr. Sellars received only thirty-

two acres of land, but he had previously purchased a tract of forty acres, partially improved, and thus he had ample opportunity to exercise both brain and brawn in the earlier stages of his independent career. Indefatigable industry and good management on the part of Mr. Sellars and his wife enabled them to advance slowly but surely along the course to the goal of definite success, and eventually they became the owners of a fine landed estate of three hundred and forty acres, all in Cardington township. In 1883 they erected their present beautiful residence, which is one of the best in the township, and the other buildings on the place are of excellent type, giving evidence of thrift and prosperity. In addition to diversified agriculture Mr. Sellars has given attention to the raising of high grade live stock and has made a specialty of the breeding of fine horses. He attained high reputation in this line of enterprise and as a dealer and breeder of horses he was long one of the leaders in this section of the state. Many of his horses have gained wide reputation on the turf, and among the number may be mentioned "Mohawk Jackson," "Pemberton," "Coxey Boy," "Hesperus, Jr.," "Ravenna Bay" and "Roebuck," all blooded animals and well known. His fine mare, "Leopard Rose," created a distinctive sensation with her record of 2:15 $\frac{1}{4}$, and in her day she was pronounced one of the finest standard bred horses in the world. Mr. Sellars also had a pacer, "Charley R.," which made a record of 2:09, and at the present time he has a fine mare, "Della Rocket," that is bound to become a celebrity on the turf. Mr. Sellars has been a lover of horses from his boyhood days and it has been one of his great pleasures to breed fine types of this noble animal.

In politics Mr. Sellars gave his support to the Democratic party until the beginning of the Civil war, when he transferred his allegiance to the Republican party, which represented the principles that most appealed to him at that climacteric period. When, however, he found that this party would not definitely espouse the cause of suppressing the liquor traffic he showed the earnestness of his convictions by allying himself with the Prohibition party, of whose cause he has since continued a zealous advocate. He takes high ground on the subject of temperance, and believes that the curse of alcohol is a graver menace to the nation than was that of human slavery, taken all in all. He and his wife have been zealous members of the United Brethren church for fifty-seven years, and they have exemplified their abiding Christian faith in their daily lives. They have given their fullest power in the work of the divine Master and have done all they could to aid and uplift their fellow men. He has always made it his duty to attend the quarterly meetings of his church and has been earnest in winning souls to salvation, but the infirmities of advanced age now confine him to his home, where he and his devoted wife find ample opportunity for daily worship and to give thanks for the many beneficences conferred upon them. Tolerant in judgment and imbued

with deep human sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Sellars have been appreciative of their stewardships and have been kindly and gracious almoners. They have obeyed the divine behest, "To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to do good to all men," and they have shown compassion upon all those "in any way afflicted in mind, body or estate." The poor and needy have never been turned empty away, and this venerable couple have made their home not only their castle but also a place of generous hospitality. Each has attained to the age of eighty-three years (1911) and each is well preserved in mental and physical faculties, considering the weight of years. Gently and tenderly the days fall into the abyss of time and they find in the passing hours solace and hope and faith, secure in the love of all who know them and revered for their worthy lives and worthy deeds.

JOHN R. CARPENTER, B. D.—It is most pleasing at this juncture in the history of the lives and careers of prominent men in Morrow county, Ohio, to accord recognition to Rev. John Randolph Carpenter, a native son of the fine old Buckeye state and a citizen whose interest in the material and spiritual welfare of his fellow men has long been prolific of good. Rev. Carpenter was born on a farm in the vicinity of the city of Cleveland, this state, the date of his nativity being December 29, 1859. He is a son of Charles and Harriet (Bennett) Carpenter, the former of whom was born near Dover, Vermont, and the latter of whom hailed from the province of Quebec, Canada, whence she came to Ohio as a young girl. The Carpenter family is one of long standing in America, the original progenitor in this country having come hither from England in the year 1605, he being one William Carpenter, who settled at Mendon, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in the great basic industry of agriculture until his death. He was born in England in the year 1605. Rev. Carpenter, of this review, is a direct descendant from William Carpenter and is a member of the ninth generation of the family in America. He traces his ancestry from William through Abiah, Oliver, Oliver, Oliver, Barow G., Captain John and Charles, the latter of whom was his father. Captain John Carpenter was a gallant and dashing soldier in the Revolutionary war and the three Olivers were sea captains. The other members of the family have been identified largely with agricultural pursuits. The founder of the family in Ohio was Captain John Carpenter, who came to the Western Reserve, in Ohio, about the year 1830. He was a farmer by occupation and he passed the residue of his life in this state. He married Mis Lucina Thompson and they became the parents of nine children. The captain was summoned to the life eternal on the 29th of January, 1861, and his wife passed away on the 1st of July, 1867. The Carpenters were very religious people and for many generations were stanch adherents of the Baptist church. Charles Carpenter, how-

ever, transferred his allegiance to the faith of the Universalist church in his boyhood and to the teachings of that order reared his children. Of the nine children of Charles and Harriet Carpenter four grew to maturity, namely: Rev. B. G. Carpenter, who is a Universalist minister at Peoria, Illinois; Jennie M., who is the wife of Richard Hewitt and who resides near Jamestown, Virginia; John R., the immediate subject of this review; and Lydia, wife of J. L. Stetson, died July 25, 1900. The father passed away in 1883 and the mother died in 1906.

John Randolph Carpenter was reared on the home farm near Cleveland, Ohio, and he received his preliminary educational training in the public schools of the district. At the age of twenty-one years he was graduated from the high school at LaGrange, Indiana, and thereafter he became a popular and successful teacher in the North Olmsted schools, continuing to be so engaged until he had reached the age of twenty-three years. He then felt a call to the Universalist ministry and entered the theological department of Lombard College, at Galesburg, Illinois, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887, duly receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity. He was ordained to the ministry of the Universalist church on the 27th of October, 1887, and thereafter accepted a call to a church of that denomination at Delphos, Kansas, where he was pastor for the ensuing eighteen months, at the expiration of which he assumed charge of a church at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he remained for one and one half years. He then returned to Ohio, where he was engaged in the work of his calling at Newtown, Belpre, McConnelville and Peru, coming to Mt. Gilead in June, 1904. He has charge of the Universalist churches at this place and at Attica, Ohio.

On the 23rd of February, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Rev. Carpenter and Miss Mary Morecraft, of Woodstock, Ohio. To this union have been born two sons, Loring C., whose birth occurred on the 16th of September, 1890, and who is a student at LeHigh University; and Marvine G., born October 10, 1894, who is a student in the local high school.

Politically Rev. Carpenter endorses the cause of the Democratic party and he served as mayor of Mt. Gilead from January 1, 1908, until June 1, 1910, giving a most able and satisfactory administration of the municipal affairs of the city during his incumbency of the mayoralty. In the grand old Masonic order he is a member of Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons; and Gilead Chapter, No. 59, Royal Arch Masons, in which he is past master and past high priest, respectively. He is also affiliated with the Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor commander. He is also a member of the Lemuel H. Breese Camp, No. 65, Sons of Veterans, of which he is past commander. In his lifework Rev. Carpenter has ever been prompted with a desire to benefit mankind and to devote

progress wherever possible. He is a distinctly moral man, of tried integrity and uprightness, and is regarded with marked esteem by all who know him.

PROFESSOR BYRAN T. JINKINS.—We look with keenest delight on the work of the sculptor, who with skilled hands moulds from the unsightly piece of clay a work of art. Should we not give far greater honor to him who can take the youthful, untrained mind and character, disciplining them to his will and giving them strength, until their youthful possessor, going out into the busy avenues of life, commands the confidence and admiration of his fellows? Such an artist is the subject of the sketch. Professor Byran T. Jenkins, born February 24, 1855, a son of David and Tryphena Young (Beers) Jenkins, of Morrow county. David was the son of Thomas and Ann (Davis) Jenkins, natives of Wales, who emigrated to the Welsh Hills of Licking county at a very early date. David in his day was a very successful minister of the gospel, his kindness and popularity causing him frequently to be called upon to officiate at funerals and weddings in addition to his regular appointments. He officiated at over two hundred funerals and he never refused a request of this nature, showing equal willingness in all his ministrations at times of sorrow, no matter what the denomination or the circumstances. He also solemnized over eighty marriages. He and his brother made the first wagon used on their father's farm, the wheels being made of logs, and this rude conveyance was driven to the mill by ox team. Byran was named after his grandfather, Byran Beers, who was so pleased that he gave his namesake fifty dollars in gold. Byran was the fourth in a family of six children, equally divided as to sons and daughters and whose names were Laura, Zilpha, Bronson, Byran, William and Elma.

Professor Jenkins was reared and educated at his birthplace and upon coming to man's estate married Maria J. Evans, their union being solemnized June 16, 1886. Mrs. Jenkins was the daughter of Benjaimn and Hannah P. (Howard) Evans, natives of Chester township. These worthy people were members of the Baptist church, in which the father held the office of deacon for a number of years. He was a man of remarkable industry, and in addition to doing the work on his large farm he was identified with many important interests. He built one of the finest residences in the county, modern in appointment and artistically frescoed interiorly. This stately abode, erected upon the highest point on the farm and surrounded by great shade trees, makes a charming and picturesque place of residence. Mr. Evans was one of the martyrs of the Civil war. When President Lincoln called for volunteers, he was advised by friends not to go, as he was needed at home, having in addition to his family the care of his mother. Some one suggested his hiring a substitute, but he replied: "I am

no better than any other man." Bidding his family farewell he went to the front, enlisting in the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. While stationed at Fort Alexandria, near Washington D. C., Mr. Evans contracted typhoid fever and died in 1865, at the age of thirty-nine years, thus ending a brave and unselfish life, offered upon the altar of his country that the Union might be preserved. His widow married William Howard, of Chester township, and two children were born: Alpa and Minnie, the former marrying Martha Carpenter, of Shelbyville, Kentucky; and the latter, Leslie Sears, of Bloomfield, Ohio.

The children of Benjamin and Hannah Evans were as follows: Moses P., who became cashier of the bank at Valley Falls, Kansas, and died in 1879; Ella E., who married Bronson Jenkins, a brother of Professor B. T. Jenkins, and died in 1889; and E. Kate, who married A. L. Ferris, of Paxton, Illinois. The latter was a member of the Baptist church and for years was Sunday School superintendent. She was a talented woman and wrote considerable poetry. Some years after her marriage she lost her eye sight, but continued interested in the study of music, in which she was quite skillful. Maria, wife of the professor, received her elementary education in the district school, then attended the high school at Chesterville, then at Mt. Gilead and was graduated from Shepardson's College at Granville, Ohio, in 1879. She taught the Washington school for a term, but impaired health necessitated the discontinuance of this and she assisted her mother in the home duties. At the time of her wedding to Professor Jenkins the old home witnessed a merry gathering, and of the happy occasion the well preserved wedding gown of blue satin and brocaded roses is a rare souvenir.

To revert to the history of Professor Jenkins' family, it is noted that his father, Elder David Jenkins, was born in the Welsh Hills settlement near Granville, Ohio, March 7, 1824, and died in Sparta, Wednesday morning, December 3, 1890. He was blind for several years at the close of his life. His last words were, after calling in the undertaker and making all arrangements for his funeral:

"Bright angels guard me in this gloom,
They're 'round my bed, they're in my room."

He married Tryphena Young Beers, daughter of Byram and Elizabeth Beers, and to this union were born six children, namely: Laura, who died in infancy; Zilpha (Ball) Bronson, Byram, William and Elma (Salisbury). But two of the family are now living—Byram and William.

David Jenkins was converted at the age of sixteen years and joined the Chester Baptist church, beginning to preach in 1860.

He united with the Mt. Pisgah Primitive Baptist church May 18, 1867, and was ordained as a minister of the same July 26, 1867, and he continued in the ministry for twenty years, eventually losing his sight from overwork on the farm. After the death of his first wife he married Lovina Shaw and purchased property in Sparta, where he lived until his death. The Jinkins country home was noted for its hospitality and none in need of food or lodging was ever turned away.

The parents of David Jinkins came from North Wales and landed in New York with only a half dollar. Their names were Thomas and Ann Jinkins, and they at first settled near Granville, Ohio, and united with the Welsh Hills Baptist church. Afterward they removed to Harmony township, Morrow county. There were seven children born to their union: David and Thomas, both Baptist ministers, now buried in the Chester cemetery; William, buried in Osceola, Iowa; John, buried at Lacona, Iowa; Margaret (Peterson) buried in the Chester cemetery; Mary Ann (Ulery) living in Cardington; and Sylvester, living in Chesterville.

Thomas Jinkins was born November 26, 1792, in Radnorshire, South Wales. He entered the English army in 1810 and served until 1817, and was at the battle of Waterloo. One of his sons once asked him why he was not sent to America in 1812 to fight the American army, and his answer was that they would have deserted to the American army.

Ann Jinkins was born June 19, 1802, in Montgomeryshire, North Wales, was converted when seventeen years of age and was baptized on her nineteenth birthday, in the Severn river, near Laniddee. Upon coming to America she united with the Welsh Hills church in Licking county and she was afterwards a member of the Chester, Harmony and Chesterville churches. She died in Chesterville at the home of her son Sylvester. She was married to Thomas Jinkins in the Parish church, Llanidlos, December 1, 1820. They came to America in 1821 and settled near Newark, Ohio. They afterwards entered land in Delaware, now Morrow county in 1830. To this union was born seven children, Thomas, John, William, William, Sylvester, Mary Ann and Margaret. Thomas Jinkins died February 14, 1871, at his home in Harmony township. Ann Davis Jinkins died April 15, 1891, at her home in Chesterville. Thomas Jinkins was promoted to ensign for bravery at Waterloo.

Like all youths the Jinkins boys of former generations enjoyed an occasional prank. Near their home in Harmony township lived a country veterinary surgeon, one Hiram Hilliard, who had a strain of Indian blood in his veins. At one time Hiram had set the following day to mow a certain meadow adjoining the Jinkins farm and had engaged hands for the work. But it occurred to David, John, William and Thomas to cut the hay the evening before, knowing full well that it would enrage the "cow

doctor." Accordingly they got their scythes in readiness and spent most of the night cutting hay. The next morning Hilliard started to arrange for the hay cutting, when to his surprise he found the hay all down. Suspicious of the right quarter, he sought the Jinkins home and engaged in conversation with the old gentleman.

Hilliard—"Where are your boys, Jinkins?"

Jinkins—"They are not up yet."

Hilliard, (with fire in his eyes)—"Where were they last night?"

Jinkins—"How do I know! You tell me where they are every night?"

Getting no satisfaction, the doctor went home to finish his haying.

At another time the Jinkins boys with other Harmony youths went out on Hallowe'en, and inasmuch as it would be a new experience to John Lewis and his wife, who from their native Wales could have little idea how the night was celebrated in America, they did not neglect to visit them in their rounds. The Lewises lived in a small house on lands now owned by William Baker and also near the home of B. T. Jinkins, the former now using the old house for a barn or shed. It happened that the Lewises had that day sold a horse and had money in the house. The boys had gone five miles from home for this attention, but that was nothing, as most of the travel was on foot in those days and long distances were traversed without much thought. It was late at night when the Lewises heard an awful racket and cabbages, turnips and the like were hurled against the doors and sides of the house, which was on the middle of a large field. The husband did not get out of bed, but Mrs. Lewis asked their business and the reply came in Welsh; then one of the crowd said something to her in German.

Mrs. Lewis—"You seem to be here from all countries."

The Crowd—"Yes, all nations are represented in this band."

At this point there was a lull in the cabbage throwing and the boys heard the following short dialogue from within:

Mrs. Lewis—"John, 'tis give them the money and spare our lives!"

John—"Tis give me my breeches and I'll give 'em money!"

The Hallowe'eners well knew what that meant and were soon scrambling over fences hurrying for Harmony township.

Professor Jinkins, son of David and Tryphena Jinkins, was born in Harmony township February 24, 1855, on the place now owned by William George, near the Harmony church. Soon afterward his parents removed to the farm now owned by his brother William Jinkins in Chester township, in southeastern Morrow county. In this place he began his early career in school work, his first term being under Mathias Ewart, of the Ewart Brothers of Iowa. The school house was on the home place, for in an early day, when the board of education was casting about for a school

site, Rev. Mr. Jenkins donated one, which has given to his children and now his grandchildren easy access to school. Here Byram had such excellent instructors as Mrs. Abigail (Barnes) Sprague, J. W. Evans, Esq., Mrs. Lena (Howard) Searls and others. Here the children from the families of the Meads, the McVeys, the Harrises, the Shoewalters, the Howards, the Beerses, the Thomases, the Jinkinses, and so forth, filled the little old school house and were a merry bevy seated around the room. It must be remembered that a seat started at the northeast corner of the building and extended along the sides around the room to the southeast corner, taking up a part of the east side in fact. Desks of beech lumber were made and put up to this long seat with spaces between for the pupils to enter; these desks were huge affairs some six feet long. In course of time young Byram was sent to the Chester-ville schools and there he had as classmate the boy who was afterward to be world-renowned as preacher and lecturer, Frank W. Gunsaulus, now president of the Armour Institute of Chicago. Subsequently Byram attended the Sparta school in which Judge L. K. Powell was the principal teacher. Through Judge Powell he was influenced to attend college at Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio. However, it occurred to his father, David, that he ought to teach a few terms in the country schools before going to college, and so he hired him out to teach his home school, Bethel, for a term of three months. His salary was to be forty dollars for the time, or thirteen and a third dollars per month, and he was to board himself. He remembers that this, the first money he ever earned, looked like a fortune to him.

But after teaching in the Washington district, the Salem district and Bethel again, it was decided that he should enter college. Accordingly he was bundled up one cold winter morning, and arrayed in a part of two extra suits of clothes that would not go into the suit case, and getting astride of a large horse with the suit case on the pommel of the saddle in front of him, he headed for Centerburg, where he was to take the Cleveland Akron & Columbus Railroad for Westerville, the seat of Otterbein University, the leading school of the United Brethren denomination. As he recalls it now, he started about the middle of one of the courses and he took what studies he thought would be pleasant and practical, for he did not think he would ever graduate. He attended the spring and fall of 1875 and came home to teach in the winter, and he continued this for three years, teaching in the winter to secure the needed funds for his college expenses. He saw he could make little headway by missing so much, and he finally persuaded his father to furnish the funds to complete the classical course, with its four years of Greek and Latin. In fact, in the seven years he took about everything taught at the college, from a review of the common branches on through. He was graduated in 1883, with the degree of A. B., and in 1887 Otterbein University conferred

upon him the degree of A. M. His class had twenty-one members, the largest in the thirty-five years of the history of the college.

Professor Jinkins was superintendent of the schools of Galena, Delaware county, in 1833-4 and then went to his home town of Sparta, where he was superintendent for eight years, and under his tuition twenty-five bright young people were graduated. He was superintendent of the Johnstown schools from 1892 to 1897 and there thirty-seven were graduated under him. It was his constant aim to develop his pupils in all possible ways and to aid the town and community in which he was located. It was in Johnstown that he inaugurated a series of Demorest contests and several of his pupils won silver medals. In a spirited contest in an adjoining neighborhood Miss Ethel Pratt, now Mrs. Frank Simpson, won a beautiful gold medal. Under him the idea of annual banquets and class meetings came into being there and these have ever since been held. It was while he was in the Johnstown school that one of the great whiskey fights of Ohio began. As it was believed that an illicit sale of liquor was being carried on, an anti-saloon league detective was employed and with the assistance of the Kibblers of Newark, one Joseph Friddle, druggist, was arrested. A three days hard fought battle resulted in the defeat of the prosecution by a jury disagreement. Judge Hunter of Newark, was attorney for the defense. Detective, lawyer and jury fees made this pretty expensive for the eight or ten of the prosecution; then by the defense damage suits were begun against them, amounting to nearly thirty thousand dollars, Professor Jinkins and his wife, who was president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, being sued for six thousand five hundred dollars and interest. However, the prosecution shortly after withdrew these suits. It was at this time that the fight against the liquor traffic in old Licking county had its beginning.

During this trial a member of the board of education, who was a great friend of Professor Jinkins and one of his staunch supporters, came to the high school door one morning and calling the Professor outside, said to him, "Now we are more than friends and as a friend I want to say to you that you must quit taking any part in this fight here or your name will be Dennis." After a moments thought the Professor replied, "Well, I recognize that this whole community, drinking men and all, pay my salary—but the fight is on and every one will be compelled to take a stand and I think I shall say that you may count me with the temperance people." With a smile the other man replied, "All right, Professor, we shall know where to find you," and he hurried down stairs. Several years afterward Professor Jinkins was passing through Johnstown when this friend, who was very near death's door, learned of his presence in the village, and although his doctor had forbidden him any visitors, yet he requested: "Let him in. I want to see him." And they had a very cordial little visit.

Professor Jinkins removed to the farm and remained there five years, looking after repairs and resting up for six years. Then the people of "Quakerdom," near the old Harkness Academy, employed him to superintend a two room school at ninety dollars a month, and he was here one year and one pupil graduated. He severed this association to become superintendent of the Pleasantville schools, a fine brick and stone building heated by gas, requiring two large furnaces. While here he made friendships that will last as long as life. He remained here four years, graduating twenty-five pupils, who are doing excellent work in various fields, a large proportion being teachers in graded schools and even principals. He had had charge of the destinies of the Pleasantville schools but a short time when they were advanced to first grade. Here he again began the Demorest contests, and seven silver medals, a gold and a grand gold medal, all went to his pupils. Miss Faye N. Daubenmire of the class of 1908 won the last two medals. This lady a great friend of the Jinkinses and a frequent visitor at their home, was killed in a frightful railroad wreck at Middletown, Ohio July 4, 1910, while on her way to Cincinnati to study elocution. This was a great shock to Professor and Mrs. Jinkins, who for some years had been assisting Miss Daubenmire in her excellent work. It was in the spring of 1908 that Professor Jinkins, after graduating a fine class of seventeen, removed with his wife to their farm near Chesterville, where they now reside. Professor and Mrs. Jinkins had one of their pleasantest experiences in attending the Jamestown Exposition as guests of the National Editorial Association. The editor's boat was the one of escort to President Roosevelt on President's day and in Music Hall the President made a speech to the editors alone. They were given free passes to everything on the grounds and were feted by different cities and organizations. The valuable school work of Professor Jinkins is thus ended and he and his estimable wife are now superintending their farm in Chester township, Morrow county, the homestead being known as "Oak Hill."

Although Mr. and Mrs. Jinkins never had children of their own, yet they have aided several relatives and friends in securing an education and getting positions. They have been married twenty-five years, and seventeen years of that time, in addition to helping others, they cared for a neice, Jennie Edith Jinkins, an invalid and a great charge. They receive many letters now thanking them for this work.

DAVID LOGAN UNDERWOOD, county surveyor of Morrow county, Ohio, was born in Canaan township, this county August 30, 1868, a son of William and Caroline (Shuey) Underwood.

His father, a farmer and blacksmith, David L., passed his boyhood days assisting in the farm work and attending district school, and as a young man learned his father's trade and worked with him

in the shop. Later he studied engineering and gave considerable time to the work of civil engineer. In the fall of 1905 he was elected to the office of county surveyor of his native county. He rendered such acceptable service in this office that in 1908 he was elected to succeed himself, and at this writing, 1910, he has the nomination for a third term.

Mr. Underwood has always been a staunch Republican. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, having membership in both the Lodge (No. 760) and Encampment, and he is also an honored member of the Charles H. Hull Lodge of Knights of Pythias No. 195. His religious creed is that of the Methodist Protestant church at South Canaan. He is unmarried.

THOMAS A. HUGGINS, M. D.—During the years which mark the period of Dr. Thomas A. Huggins' professional career he has met with gratifying success and though his residence at Sparta, Morrow county, Ohio, dates back only to 1897, he has won the good will and patronage of many of the leading citizens and families of this place. He is a great student and endeavors to keep abreast of the times in everything relating to discoveries in medical science, being a patron of the leading journals devoted to the discussion of the "ills that flesh is heir to" and the treatment thereof. Progressive in his ideas and believing in modern methods as a whole, he does not, however, dispense with the true and tried systems which have stood the test of years.

Dr. Thomas Andrew Huggins was born in Chester Township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 5th, of March, 1855, and is a son of Thomas and Nancy J. (More) Huggins, both of whom were born and reared in the state of Pennsylvania, whence they came to the fine old Buckeye state of the Union about the year 1844, locating on a farm of two hundred acres in Chester township, this county. In 1864 removal was made to another farm of two hundred acres in the same township, where the family home was maintained until the father's death, in 1893. Thomas Huggins was survived by a widow and five children—three sons and two daughters—Rebecca E. is the wife of George E. McKinney, of Knox county, Ohio; Margaret J., is now a resident of Columbus, Ohio; James A., is an agriculturist in Bloomfield township, this county; Dr. Thomas A. is the immediate subject of this review; and Edward C., is a business man in Sparta. Mrs. Huggins is deceased, dying about 1903.

Dr. Thomas A. Huggins continued to live at the parental home until he had reached his legal majority and his preliminary educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools of Morrow county. When twenty-one years of age he engaged for a time in teaching school and then went to Valparaiso, Indiana, where he pursued a course of study in the Northern Indiana Normal University. Subsequently he was a student in a college at Mansfield, Ohio, and subsequently entered

the office of Dr. Williams at Chesterville, Morrow county, under whose able preceptorship he studied medicine for two years, at the expiration of which he was employed in a drug store at that place for some five years. In 1885-6 he was a student in the Western Reserve Medical College, in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, and thereafter he passed two years in the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1889, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately after his graduation he initiated the active practice of his profession at Cambridge, Guernsey county, Ohio, where he remained for four years, at the expiration of which he went to Chesterville, and there took charge of Dr. Williams' offices. In 1893, at the time of his father's death, he was on the home farm for a time and in the fall of 1897 he came to Sparta, where he has built up a large and lucrative practice and where he enjoys recognition as one of the ablest and most skilled physicians and surgeons in Morrow county.

In connection with the work of his profession Dr. Huggins is affiliated with various organizations of representative character and in a fraternal way he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through all the official chairs. In politics he accords a stalwart allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and while he has never had aught of desire for political preferment of any description he is deeply interested in all matters projected for the good of the general welfare, contributing liberally to all philanthropical organizations. He is well read in the science of his profession and is up-to-date in the current literature of medicine and surgery. He was deeply interested in the old railroad survey work in Morrow county, Ohio, in which connection he spent much time and money.

On the 19th of August, 1903, was recorded the marriage of Dr. Huggins to Miss Ahneda Pearl, who was born and reared in this state and who is a daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Dupy) Pearl, both of whom were likewise natives of this state. The mother was summoned to the life eternal on the 14th of March, 1897, and the father now maintains his home at Centerburg, Knox county, Ohio. Peter Pearl was a farmer and mechanic during the major portion of his active career and his ancestors were early pioneers in Morrow county, having here entered large tracts of government land in the early days. His mother, Nancy (Doty) Pearl, was a Daughter of the American Revolution, her father having been a soldier in that war for independence and she was also a member of the Christian church. When John Doty grew up the country was infested with Indians and early manifesting an interest in their life and habits he became great friends with some of the local chiefs. He was frequently invited to dine with them, but having once seen them prepare a meal he usually refused that honor. Their method of cooking squirrels for dinner was very disagreeable to Mr. Doty; the young animals were thrown into a kettle without being dressed

in any way whatever. Dr. and Mrs. Higgins are devout members of the Christian church, in the various departments of which they have ever been active workers.

Dr. Huggins is strictly a self-made man, having himself built the ladder by which he has risen to affluence. He made all the money expended on his education and never received so much as ten dollars from any one for school purposes. In no profession to which man gives his attention does success depend more largely upon individual effort than the one which now claims Dr. Huggins as a follower, and it is gratifying to note that he has achieved distinctive prestige and success in his chosen calling, all of which attests his superior ability and close application. Fairness characterizes all his efforts and he conducts his business with the strictest regard to a high standard of professional ethics.

WILLIAM BROOKS.—This venerable and honored citizen of Morrow county has here maintained his home for nearly half a century and, after long years of earnest toil and endeavor in connection with agricultural pursuits, he is now retired and is enjoying well earned repose in a pleasant home in the village of Edison. He has ever been accorded that unqualified popular confidence and respect that are the objective appreciation of sterling character, and he has been called upon to serve in various offices of local trust, including that of county commissioner and also that of township trustee of Gilead township. His liberality, loyalty and public spirit were especially shown forth during his incumbency of the office of county commissioner, and in this connection he did much to further the material and social advancement and prosperity of the county. Further interest attaches to his career as one of the representative citizens of this section of the state by reason of the fact that he is a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of Ohio, which has been his home since the days of his infancy and in which it has been given him to attain to independence and substantial prosperity through his own well directed endeavors.

William Brooks was born in Cayuga county, New York, on the 3rd of March, 1831, and is a son of Jonathan and Rebecca (King) Brooks, both of whom were likewise natives of the old Empire state, where the respective families settled in an early day. The parents of Mr. Brooks were reared to maturity in their native state, where they remained until 1833, when they came to Ohio and numbered themselves among the pioneers of Seneca county. The father purchased a tract of land six miles east of the present city of Tiffin, in Clinton township, and there reclaimed a productive farm from a virtual wilderness. There he and his wife continued to reside for twenty years, secure in the high regard of all who knew them, and they passed the closing years of their lives in Seneca county, Ohio. Their eight children, four sons and four daughters, reached years of maturity and of the number, two sons

and three daughters are now living. In politics the father was originally a Whig and later a Republican. He was fifty-five years of age at the time of his death and his devoted wife passed to the life eternal at the age of fifty-three years.

As already noted, William Brooks was a child of two years at the time of the family removal to Ohio, and he was reared to adult age under the discipline of the pioneer farm of his father in Seneca county. From his boyhood onward there was no paucity of work assigned to his province, and he has ever been appreciative of the lessons of consecutive industry that he thus learned and which he later applied most effectively in fighting the battle of life on his own responsibility. He recalls the old log school house in which he gained his early education and in these days of opulent prosperity and splendid educational facilities it is difficult for the younger generation to understand how primitive were the schools of that time. The puncheon floors and slab benches, the wide fire place and other appurtenances of this old-time "institution of learning" are adverted to by Mr. Brooks in pleasing reminiscence. He assisted in the reclamation and other work of the home farm until he was twenty years of age, and thereafter he worked for others at a compensation of fifty cents a day, and when working by the month as a farm hand he commanded the stipend of thirteen dollars for the month. Honesty, industry and frugality, those great cardinal virtues were much in evidence in those days, in which were solidified the stanch foundations of the great state of Ohio, and these traits were admirably exemplified by him to whom this review is dedicated.

Mr. Brooks was finally enabled to rent a farm in Seneca county, and under these conditions he there continued his assiduous labors as an agriculturist for a period of eight years, at the expiration of which he purchased a farm of forty acres in Eden township, that county, and thus initiated his career as an independent property holder. The land which he thus purchased was in the main covered with virgin forest, and he put forth the required labor to compass its reclamation. He finally disposed of this property and in 1863 he came to Morrow county, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres in Canaan township. As the years passed he developed this into one of the productive and valuable farmsteads of the county, making high grade improvements of a permanent order and so directing his energies as to reach the goal of generous and stable prosperity. Hard work and careful management made of success not an accident but a logical result, and the active career of Mr. Brooks stands to his perpetual credit as one of the world's noble army of productive workers. There has been no parasitic element in his course and he has put much into life, with the result that he has gotten much out of it. Such a man and such a career discourage pessimism and offer both lesson and incentive. Mr. Brooks continued to give his active attention to the management of

his farm until 1887, when he removed to the village of Edison, where he has an attractive and comfortable home and where, retired from active labors but well preserved in mental and physical faculties, he is enjoying the rewards of former years of assiduous application, the while he is surrounded by friends who are tried and true.

Mr. Brooks rendered service as a loyal soldier of the Union during the latter part of the Civil war. On May 2, 1864, he enlisted for the one hundred days' service as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he proceeded to the front and with which he was in active service for a period of four months, at the expiration of which he received his honorable discharge. His principal service as a soldier was in the state of Virginia, and he remained with his regiment until the long and sanguinary struggle between the North and South had reached its close. The more gracious memories and associations of his military service are perpetuated through his identification with Hurd Post, No. 14, Grand Army of the Republic, in Mt. Gilead, where both he and his wife are also zealous and valued members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is an elder.

A man of broad mental ken and mature judgment, Mr. Brooks has naturally been called to take an active part in public affairs of local order, and no citizen has shown more civic loyalty or public spirit. He has been an active worker in behalf of the cause of the Republican party and in 1876 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners, and by successive re-elections he continued incumbent of this office until 1882. His service was far from perfunctory, as he gave generously of his time, thought and energy to furthering the best interests of the county, the while he advocated progressive policies and due liberality in administering the affairs of the county and in the making of public improvements. His efforts did not lack for popular appreciation and he was one of the best commissioners the county has had. Within his tenure of this office the present county jail was erected and other noteworthy improvements made. He is at the present time a trustee of Gilead township, and his entire service in this office covers a period of fully sixteen years, marked by the same devotion to the general welfare as was his work as county commissioner.

On the 18th of December, 1854, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Brooks to Miss Hannah Braden, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 17th of October, 1836, and who is a daughter of William and Susannah (Mack) Braden, who were numbered among the sterling pioneers of Morrow county, Ohio, where they continued to reside until their death. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks became the parents of three children, and concerning them the following brief data are given in conclusion of this article: Emma S., who was born on the 11th of May, 1857, is the wife of Judge Archibald

W. Frater, of Seattle, Washington; Nellie, who was born on the 1st of May, 1861, became the wife of Franklin Coe and died in the state of Washington, in 1908; and Victor L. who was born November 20, 1867, and who married Miss Sarah Feigley, of Canaan township, Morrow county, resides upon and has charge of his father's old homestead farm in Gilead township.

LENO R. JAMES, a teacher in the schools of Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio, belongs to one of the representative families of the county. He was born February 18, 1888; received his early education in the district schools, and pursued his advanced studies in the Ohio Northern University. During the past three years he has been engaged in teaching, and at this writing is employed in the People's district.

Mr. James is a son of R. B. and Anna Selma James. R. B. James was born in Franklin township December 28, 1855, a son of Samuel and Ellen (Crothers) James. Samuel in early manhood was a carpenter, but spent the most of his life as a farmer, and is now living retired in Cardington, Ohio. His wife died in 1887. Anna Selma James, mother of Leno R., was born November 23, 1863, a daughter of Abednigo Pittman, a pioneer of Morrow county, who died here in 1885, at the age of eighty-two years. Her mother, Effie Slack Pittman, second wife of Abednigo, died in 1872, at the age of sixty-six years. R. B. James and wife have three sons: Clifton, born in 1886, is engaged in farming in Perry township. He married, March 7, 1909, Miss Roby Rinehart, and they have children, Leona and Fleetwoods. The subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth, and the youngest, Noble, was born September 12, 1894.

The Jameses for the most part have been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and R. B. James is not an exception. His first farm, which he purchased in 1885, was two miles east of his present farm, where he has a commodious and attractive residence, and fifty-one acres of land well-stocked with fine horses and cattle.

The James family are members of the Waterford Disciple church.

WILLIAM LEPP.—Enterprising, energetic and self-reliant, William Lepp, of Canaan township, is a fine representative of the active and hardy men who are so ably assisting in the development and advancement of the agricultural interests of Morrow county. He has not only taken an important part in promoting the industrial prosperity of his community, but by his sagacity and foresight has at the same time been enabled to accumulate a fair share of this world's goods, his industry and thrift being well rewarded. A son of Henry Lepp, he was born November 15, 1866, in Marion county, Ohio, coming of substantial German ancestry.

Born in Germany in 1830, Henry Lepp was brought up and

educated in the Fatherland, where he lived until after his marriage. In the latter part of the year 1853, accompanied by his bride, he embarked on board the sailing vessel "The Atlantic," and after a rough voyage of forty-two days landed in New York city. Then, by way of Albany, Buffalo and Cleveland, he made his way to Galion, Ohio, where both he and his wife had many friends and relatives. Securing employment with Daniel Eichhorn, he attended to the stock during the winter and assisted on the farm during the summer, receiving for his labor six dollars a month the first twelve months. His employer dying soon after, Henry Lepp rented the Eichhorn estate on which he had formerly worked and was there engaged in general farming for nine years. Saving his money, he purchased in 1861 a tract of land situated a mile and a half from Three Locusts, now Martell, in Marion county, and there continued his operations most successfully for a period of eighteen years. In 1879 he bought seven hundred acres of land in Morrow county, on what is called the Boundary road, paying from forty dollars to sixty dollars an acre for the tract. Assuming its possession, he was there prosperously employed in general farming and stock raising for eighteen years, when he removed to the Beach settlement, four miles west of Galion, Ohio, where he lived for two years. Purchasing then a residence in Galion, Ohio, he has there lived retired from the active cares of business since 1899, being an esteemed and respected resident of that place.

On October 14, 1853, in the Fatherland, Henry Lepp married one of his early schoolmates and playmates, Elizabeth Eichhorn. She was born April 15, 1830, in Baiertael, Baden, Germany, a daughter of Adam and Margareta Eichhorn, life-long residents of Germany. John Eichhorn, a brother of Adam Eichhorn and an uncle of Mrs. Henry Lepp, immigrated to the United States in 1835, and with his brother Philip, who crossed the ocean with him, located in Galion, Ohio. Philip Eichhorn subsequently migrated to Indiana, becoming a pioneer of Wells county. He settled in Rock Creek township, where numerous of his descendants now live, among them the Hon. William H. Eichhorn, a prominent attorney of Bluffton, Indiana, and Professor Lewis W. Eichhorn. Of the union of Henry and Elizabeth (Eichhorn) Lepp children were born as follows: Charles, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; John Henry; William, the special subject of this brief review; George; and Lizzie. The mother passed to the life beyond September 21, 1910, her death occurring at her home in Galion. Both she and her husband united with the German Reformed church in early life and were among its most faithful members.

Brought up on his father's farm, which was located two miles east of Martel in Marion county, Ohio, William Lepp worked as a farm hand during the summer seasons, attending the winter terms of school at Bunker Hill. In 1881 he came with the family

to Morrow county, locating east of Climax, where he assisted in the clearing and improving of a fine farm. Finding both pleasure and profit in tilling the soil, Mr. Lepp has continued his agricultural labors ever since, and has met with genuine success as a farmer and stock raiser. He now owns two hundred and forty acres of rich and fertile land in Canaan township on the Boundary road, his home being four miles north of Edison. It is well located, and in its improvements and appointments compares favorably with any in the community. Mr. Lepp is a man of excellent financial ability, and in addition to his valuable real estate holdings is a stockholder in the National Bank of Morrow county and in the Morrow County Telephone Company. Politically he is a steadfast Democrat, active in the party and has served as township trustee.

Mr. Lepp married, February 29, 1892, Mina Parks, of Canaan township, Morrow county. She was born in Sandusky, Ohio, February 14, 1870, a daughter of William and Rebecca (Rinehart) Parks, both of whom died when she was a child of twelve years from smallpox, leaving her to the care of relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Lepp have two children, namely: Harley D., born October 15, 1895, attending the Mount Gilead High School; and Forst, born June 20, 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Lepp are valued members of the German Reformed church, and have brought up their children in the same religious faith. Their beautiful farm is known as "Maple Lawn."

GEORGE W. HESKETT.—Civilization will hail riches, prowess, honors, popularity but it will bow humbly to sincerity in its fellow men. The exponent of known sincerity, singleness of honest purposes, has its exemplification in all bodies of men; he is found in every association and to him defer its highest officers. Such an exemplar, whose daily life and whose life work have been dominated as their most conspicuous characteristic by sincerity, is George W. Heskett, who has resided during the major portion of his long and active career in Morrow county, Ohio, and who is now living virtually retired on his old homestead farm in Harmony township, passing the evening of his life in the enjoyment of former years of earnest toil and endeavor.

In Franklin township, two and a half miles east of Mount Gilead, Ohio, on the 24th of December, 1831, occurred the birth of George W. Heskett, who is a son of Norval V. and Massey (Nickols) Heskett, the former of whom was born and reared in the old commonwealth of Virginia, whence he immigrated, with his father, Benjamin Heskett, Jr., to Ohio about the year 1827. The Heskett family was one of prominence and long-standing in Loudoun county, Virginia, the original representatives of the name in America having come to this country in the early Colonial era of our national history. Benjamin Heskett, Sr., was the great-grandfather of him to whom this sketch is dedicated and he was a planter of note in the Old Dominion. After their arrival in Ohio,

Benjamin Heskett, Jr., settled in Belmont county, and Nathan Nickols,, maternal grandfather of our subject, entered a tract of land in Morrow county, the same being now known as the Jack Gordon farm. Norval V. Heskett made a clearing on his land and there built a house, but after maintaining his home in this section of the state for several years he went to Missouri, later returning to Ohio and settling in the northern part of Cardington township where he passed the residue of his life, his death having occurred in February, 1853, and his first wife, whose maiden name was Massey Nickols, having passed to eternal rest on the 4th of April, 1840. For his second wife Mr. Heskett wedded Miss Emily Howell, who became the mother of four children. Concerning the children born to the first marriage, the following brief data are here offered: Adelaide A., died at the age of nineteen years; George W. is the immediate subject of this review; Nathan W., deceased, married Miss Louise Parrott and she resides in Morrow county; Matilda A. wedded Isaac G. Speck and now lives at Lima, Ohio; Charles S. married Sarah Wood and both are deceased; John M. married Louise Norval and resides in Missouri; Benjamin F. was summoned to the life eternal at the age of seven years.

George W. Heskett was reared to the age of eight years on a farm in Franklin township and after his father's removal to Cardington township, Morrow county, in 1839, he attended the district schools and the public schools of Hester and Mount Gilead. After attaining to years of maturity he became a teacher, continuing to devote his attention to that line of work from his nineteenth year until 1855. He was one of the pioneer teachers in Morrow and Muskingum counties and for his first term as a teacher he received the munificent salary of twelve dollars a month of twenty-four days. Subsequently he received fifty cents a day and he then boarded at the homes of his pupils. Eventually he drew a salary of twenty-five dollars a month and out of this he managed to save a round little sum. After his marriage, in February, 1854, he and his wife set up housekeeping in Cardington township, he being the owner of a team of horses and a cow and she having a small "set-out" in the way of household goods. They were very congenial as man and wife and were prosperous from the first. In due time Mr. Heskett purchased a share in the old homestead farm and in 1866 he purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Harmony township, Morrow county, this being the nucleus of his present fine estate of two hundred and forty-four acres. In addition to diversified agriculture Mr. Heskett has been deeply interested in the raising of short-horn cattle and blooded horses. In 1855 he purchased a heifer that was registered in Volume 4 of the American short-horn herd book, and he still has in his possession descendants of that animal. She was exhibited at the Morrow county fair in 1855, and as a prize for her

Mr. Heskett was awarded a subscription for the Ohio Farmer, to which paper he is still a subscriber. Mr. Heskett and his son Ralph have been extensive breeders of road horses, which have been exhibited at the Ohio State Fair. For one team they were awarded a prize of a silver cup and later the team sold for five hundred dollars. The Heskett place is widely known as the Highland Forest Farm and it is an attractive, eligibly located estate, one of the finest in the country.

On the 28th of February, 1854, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Heskett to Miss Margaret A. Jackson, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 6th of April, 1832, and who came with her parents to Ohio in 1835, location having been made in Knox county, where she was reared and educated. She is a daughter of George W. and Mary (Hobbs) Jackson, the former of whom was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom was a native of Cumberland, Maryland. To this union were born eight children, seven of whom are living in 1911, namely: Mary E., who is the wife of John Wright; Norval W., who married Alice Burr; Clara C., who is now Mrs. George H. Brown; John W., who wedded Louise Miller; Charles O., who married Emma Jackson; George W., Jr., who married Iva Rinehart; and Jay R., who wedded Edith Ackerman. Mr. and Mrs. Heskett have thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, the latter of whom are Margaret and Ruth Long and Clayton and Dorris Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Heskett are charter members of the Harmony Grange and he has served as president of the Morrow County Fair, having represented it at Columbus, Ohio. In his political convictions he is a staunch supporter of the cause of the Republican party and while he has never been desirous of political preferment of any description he has given efficient service as township trustee. He and his wife are old and honored people and while they have reached the age of four score years they are still hale and hearty and are looked upon with admiration and respect in their home community, where they are beloved by all with whom they have come in contact.

JOHN W. BARRY.—Ambition is the vitalizing ideal that transforms dreams into deeds, and this spur on the heel of purpose has ever proved a force in the conquest of obstacles. Success represents the attainment of laudible desires, and the successful man is he who faithfully performs his duty toward himself and the world, thus fulfilling the divine purpose of his being. Among the native sons of Morrow county who have well merited the title of self-made man, none is more worthy of such classification than John Wesley Barry, of Mount Gilead, for he lifted himself from the plane of obscurity and ignorance to the lofty level of high accomplishment. He has gained prestige as one of the representative



John Barry



Minnie Barry

members of the bar of his native state, and in accomplishing this he overcame the great handicap of previous lack of education, as he began the work of preparing himself for the legal profession when twenty-seven years of age and under conditions that would have baffled a less ambitious and determined soul. His education at the time may consistently be summed up in his ability to read the simpler English, and that haltingly, but he came from the farm, uncontaminated, single of purpose, determined to develop his dormant powers and willing to subordinate all else to the realization of the desired ends. Such men well obey the mandate given in the exhortation to certain Corinthians: "Quit you like men; be strong." Animated by such a spirit it is impossible to live and not find it worth while, and to such valiant souls success comes as a natural prerogative. It is pleasing to witness the progress of one whose success has been won through such individual effort, and the high standing of Mr. Barry, both as a lawyer and as a man among men, may offer lesson and incentive to others who would likewise wrest success from the hands of fate. The man who fails is he who has not force to sustain him in his purpose, who is lacking in moral fiber and worthy ambition, and in noting the many examples of such supineness and vacillation, it is pleasing to turn aside to the wholesome spectacle afforded in the career of such a man as the one to whom this brief sketch is dedicated. It is much to say that "I am master of my fate; I am captain of my soul," but the significance of the statement has been shown in the achievement of Mr. Barry, though he has arrogated naught of credit to himself for what he has accomplished. He is the same sincere, earnest, whole-souled man that he was when he left the farm, crude and untrained, but full of possibilities. He searched for and found his "potential," and he believes that every normal man can do the same and thus be of use to himself and to the world.

John Wesley Barry is a scion in the third generation of one of the plain but sterling pioneer families of Morrow county, with whose history the name has been identified for more than four score of years. Elisha Barry, grandfather of him whose name initiates this sketch, was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and in the same state was born his wife, whose maiden name was Rachel Cook, both having been of staunch English ancestry and the respective families having been founded in America in the Colonial era of our national history. Elisha Barry came to Morrow county in the year 1829 and purchased a tract of heavily timbered land in Westfield township, where he reclaimed a farm from the wilderness and where he and his wife passed the residue of their lives—earnest, industrious and God-fearing folk. They became the parents of five sons and six daughters.

John W. Barry was born on the homestead of his father in Cardington township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 17th of Decem-

ber, 1852, and was the second in order of birth of three sons and two daughters born to Yelverton P. and Hannah E. (Benedict) Barry. Eli, the eldest of the number, is a representative agriculturist of Harmony township, this county; John W. is the immediate subject of this review; Jane is the wife of Elliott A. Brenizer, a prosperous farmer of Westfield township; Charles B. is engaged in farming and stock-growing in Cardington township; and Rachel E. is the wife of James W. Gillett, of Blue Creek, Paulding county, this state.

Yelverton P. Barry was born on the pioneer farm of his father in Westfield township, Morrow county, on the 12th of March, 1832, and his wife was born in Morrow county (then Delaware county), on the 13th of December, 1832. They continued to reside in Morrow county until they were summoned from the scene of life's mortal endeavors, his death having occurred on the 21st of October, 1905, and she having passed away on the 10th of the following February, so that in death they were not long divided. Known for their integrity in all the relations of life, earnest and devoted in their labors, they passed side by side down the pathway of life, sustained and comforted by mutual affection and sympathy. No dramatic incidents marked the lives of this worthy couple, save when the husband and father went forth to serve as a valiant soldier of the Union, but "the short and simple annals of the poor" are fruitful in lessons of value when properly interpreted. Yelverton P. Barry reclaimed his farm to effective cultivation and a due measure of prosperity eventually attended his efforts. He gave his entire active career to the great basic industry of agriculture and his old homestead farm, still in possession of the family, is now one of the valuable places of Morrow county. When the dark cloud of Civil war cast its pall over the national horizon he subordinated all other interests to go forth in defense of the Union, though he left his wife and children with but meager resources with which to face the problems of bare existence during his absence. The eldest son was not more than fourteen years of age at the time, but the devoted mother, aided by her children, provided for the needs of the family and her self-sacrifice proved the deepest patriotism, for during the long and weary period of the Civil war the women of the country endured as much in care and anxiety as did the brave husbands and sons in hardships and dangers of another order. Yelverton P. Barry enlisted as a member of the Sixty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company K, and he continued in active service as a soldier for thirty months, at the expiration of which he received his honorable discharge. He never lost interest in his old comrades in arms and signified the same by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. His political allegiance was given to the Republican party, and both he and his wife were earnest members of the United Brethren church.

John W. Barry was reared to the sturdy and invigorating

discipline of the farm, and, as already intimated, his early educational advantages were of the most meager order. He continued to be identified with farm work until he had attained to the age of twenty-seven years. It would be interesting to study the mental processes through which the sturdy young farmer passed while laboring early and late in the fields and meadows. There must have been somewhat of objective as well as intrinsic inspiration to prompt his desire for a wider sphere of endeavor and to fortify him in the formulating of definite plans. He had the mental ken and alertness, though equipped with little education, to realize the onerous task that confronted him when he determined to leave the farm and begin the work of preparing himself for a profession that calls for the greatest intellectual strength, mature judgment and wise study. He did not falter in his purpose, and that he realized his ambition need not be said, in view of his prominence and success in connection with the work of his profession. When the young man essayed to become a disciple of Blackstone he had not even completed the study of decimal fractions and was unable to read a paragraph in the "Fourth reader" without stopping to spell out some of the words in the text. The specified initial step taken by the young yeoman has been told in an interesting way by a representative of this publication who had the pleasure of a personal interview with him, and the account thus rendered is as follows: "One day in June, 1879, Mr. Barry threw a blanket over one of the work horses on the farm, mounted the animal and rode into the village of Cardington. There he made his way to the office of Robert F. Bartlett, long numbered among the representative members of the bar of Morrow county, where he was engaged in practice, and this honored attorney accosted the young farmer with the query, 'Well, my young man, what 'can I do for you?' The reply was, 'I want to read and study law.' Mr. Bartlett looked at the youth with almost incredulous amazement, and finally asked, 'Where have you attended school?' It may readily be understood that his astonishment was not lessened when he learned the limited scope of the applicant's education, but Mr. Bartlett is a judge of men and evidently had a prescience in regard to the possibilities involved in this connection. He told young Barry to return to him in one week, and when this was done he handed Mr. Barry a copy of Blackstone's Commentaries to read. The embryonic barrister could not read a line in the text-book without stopping to spell out unfamiliar words, the meaning of which was to him of the most vague order, but grit and determination were in full play, and the young student set himself enthusiastically into the study of the text of this prosaic and monotonous tome that has ever been the 'Fidus Achates' of the aspiring law student, and he applied himself with all of earnestness and indefatigability not only to the study of law but also to making good his education along the general lines that he had theretofore been unable to

touch. For the kindly preceptorship, interest and careful discipline given him by Mr. Bartlett, who proved indeed a guide, counselor and friend, Mr. Barry manifests the deepest appreciation and he ascribes much of his success in his profession to his honored preceptor, whose interposition has been secured as one of the associate editors of this history of Morrow county. Four years of incessant application on the part of Mr. Barry brought to him the reward that he had coveted and to the securing of which he had bent every energy. In October, 1883, he was duly admitted to the bar of his native state, and it must be understood that in the meanwhile he had not only gained an excellent knowledge of the science of jurisprudence but that he had also raised himself from the level of mediocre general education to the standard that justified his entrance into the profession of his choice."

Immediately upon his admission to the bar Mr. Barry was admitted to partnership by his honored preceptor, and he continued in the active and successful work of his profession as junior member of the firm of Bartlett and Barry, at Cardington, until October, 1891, when he became the nominee on the Republican ticket for the office of prosecuting attorney for his native county. He was elected by a gratifying majority and his official duties necessitated his removal to Mount Gilead, the judicial center and metropolis of the county, where he has since maintained his residence. In the autumn of 1894 Mr. Barry was elected as his own successor, and this gave the most emphatic and significant evidence of the efficiency of his service as public prosecutor and of the estimate placed upon the same by the voters of the county. He thus served six consecutive years as prosecuting attorney, and since his retirement from office he has been engaged in the general practice of his profession. It may be said without fear of legitimate contradiction that no member of the bar of this section of the state controls a larger or more representative practice, and this is adequate voucher for the ability and personal popularity of the former farmer boy. His law preceptor has said, "His management of a trial in court, has always exceeded expectations."

Directness and earnestness and sincerity are intrinsic attributes of Mr. Barry's character, and these qualities show forth in his professional work. He is not given to recondite or florescent verbal displays in presenting his causes before court or jury, but his arguments are concise, cogent and clothed in forceful verbiage, the while he marshals his facts and evidence with unfailing skill. In cross-examination of witnesses he has gained a specially high reputation, and has few if any peers along this line in this section of Ohio. He is, however, considerate of the feelings of witnesses, and never indulges in rough or unkind methods. His practice now extends throughout central Ohio and he has appeared in connection with important litigations in the courts of the cities of Cleveland and Columbus, both state and federal. He has presented numerous

briefs before the supreme court of the state, and the same have been models of clarity and incisive evidence. He is widely known as a specially strong trial lawyer, and his experience in the office of prosecuting attorney was of great value to him in developing his powers in this respect.

None has a more thorough appreciation of the dignity and honor of honest toil and endeavor than has Mr. Barry, for he has himself risen from the ranks and thus he places true valuations upon men and affairs. Democratic in his attitude, genial and cordial, he accords respect and good will to every deserving man, no matter what his station in life. He is generous to a fault and finds pleasure in his association with "all sorts and conditions of men," in which connection it has been well said that he is "known by every man, woman and child in Morrow county." He is big of heart, big of mind, and tolerant of the frailties of others. He is incapable of harsh judgments and his sympathies are an inseparable part of his being, though he can not be made to compromise with expediency or to surrender his honest convictions. His fair spirit of concession, however, is in reality an element contributing to his strength and to his hold upon popular confidence and esteem. Mr. Barry is always ready to help those in affliction and distress, and is one of those who "do good by stealth and blush to find it fame." He values worldly success for what it brings to him and to those whom he can aid, and those who know him best have related instances in which he has given financial assistance and kindly advice to men who were convicted by his efforts and who came to him for succor after their release from prison. His hand and his purse are open, and he would rather aid one undeserving than to feel that he may have missed such service of benevolence or kindness when merited. Such men are steadfast friends, as all who know John W. Barry will testify.

In politics Mr. Barry is an effective exponent and supporter of the cause of the Republican party, and he has given to the same yeoman service in various campaigns. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church in their home city and are popular factors in the best social activities of the community. He is affiliated with Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 266, Free and Accepted Masons; Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 169, Knights of Pythias, of which he is past chancellor; and at Cardington, his former home, he holds membership in Cardington Lodge, No. 194, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed the various official chairs.

Mr. Barry cast his first presidential vote in support of Hon. Rutherford B. Hayes, and every Republican candidate for the presidency since that time has received his zealous support. He has been a prominent figure in the local councils of his party and was a delegate to its national convention, in the city of Philadelphia, when the lamented President McKinley was nominated for a second term.

On the 2d of October, 1873, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Barry to Miss Minnie Oeker, who was born in Cardington township, Morrow county, on the 15th of November, 1855, and who was the second in order of birth of the three sons and seven daughters of Thomas and Ann (Silvers) Oeker, both of whom are now deceased, the father having been one of the honored citizens and prosperous agriculturists of Morrow county. Of the children two sons and six daughters are living, and all still reside in Morrow county with the exception of Clayton, who is engaged in farming in the state of Kansas, and Margaret, who is the wife of George W. Blayne, of Hereford, Texas.

Mr. Barry has no peer in Morrow county in the handling of a jury on an obstinate case. He has one of the finest and most complete law libraries in this part of the state, comprising about eight hundred volumes of standard law and also of choice literature. He made a trip to England, Ireland and Scotland, on business in 1909, and has crossed the American continent twice, visiting California, Washington and Oregon on special cases under his jurisdiction.

CHARLES RUTHARDT.—Many of Ohio's most thriving agriculturists came from lands far across the sea, poor in purse but possessing an unlimited stock of energy and perseverance, noteworthy among the number being Charles Ruthardt, a well-known farmer of North Bloomfield township, who by industry and good management has met with excellent success in his labors, winning a fair share of this world's goods. He was born January 22, 1849, in Baden, Germany, where his parents, Charles and Phoebe (Camoror) Ruthardt, were born, lived and died.

Educated in the public schools of the Fatherland, Charles Ruthardt was confirmed in the Reformed Lutheran church at the age of fourteen years, and afterwards served an apprenticeship at the barber's trade. Leaving home in 1869, he came to the United States, hoping in this newer land to better his financial condition. Coming directly to Ohio, he located in Morrow county with a very limited amount of money in his pocket, and first found employment on a farm, working for monthly wages. Subsequently securing a position in the railroad shops, he remained in Galion for nearly a quarter of a century, in the meantime saving up money. In 1889 Mr. Ruthardt invested his surplus earnings in land, buying seventy-six acres in North Bloomfield township where he has since been profitably employed in general farming and stock raising, his farm being under a good state of culture and well improved and wisely managed. During his long residence in this locality he has acquired an enviable reputation as an honest, straightforward business man, and has won the respect of the community. He is a Democrat in politics, but not an office seeker.

Mr. Ruthardt married, January 20, 1876, Elizabeth Sargel,

who died August 13, 1905, leaving two children, namely: Laura, wife of Calvin Trach, and Emma, wife of Rolland Hershner.

JAMES B. LEWIS, D. D. S.—For thirty-six years Dr. James B. Lewis was engaged in the practice of dental surgery at Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, and during that time he gained and retained the friendship and esteem of the best citizens of the place. He was born in Ohio, on the 22nd of May, 1853, a son of John and Melinda (Boner) Lewis, the former of whom was a Baptist minister and a farmer during the major portion of his active business career. Reverend John Lewis was born and reared at Ohio and his wife was also reared in this state. Both are now deceased. Reverend and Mrs. Lewis became the parents of seven children, and of the number four are now living.

Dr. James B. Lewis was reared to adult age on the home farm and as a youth he attended the district schools and the high school at Fredericktown, Ohio. In 1872 he turned his attention to the study of dentistry, and was graduated from his college as a member of the class of 1874, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In the fall of 1874 he located at Mount Gilead, where he was engaged in the active practice of his profession during the long intervening years. He controlled a large patronage among the most influential people of Mount Gilead and the territory normally tributary thereto. In politics Dr. Lewis accorded an unswerving support to the cause of the Republican party and for years gave the most efficient service as city councilman. In a fraternal way he affiliated with the Independent Order or Odd Fellows, in which he was a past grand master and in the encampment of which he was at one time patriarch. He represented the above order in the Grand Lodge of the state as a member from the Thirty-second district for a period of seven years and was honored with that distinction at the time of his death. His religious faith was in harmony with the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his family are devout members and in which they are active workers.

Dr. Lewis married Miss Anna Barton, of Mount Gilead. To this union have been born two children: Mabel and Charles B. Mabel Lewis was graduated in the local high school and she is now librarian of the free library at Mount Gilead. Charles B. Lewis is a turner by trade and resides at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. He wedded Miss Edna Shaffer. Dr. Lewis was a man of broad learning and sterling integrity. He stood as one of the strong men of Morrow county, strong in his honor and his good name, in the extent of his influence and in the result of his accomplishments. He passed to the higher life in November, 1910.

WILLIAM L. SWETLAND.—The world though sometimes slow in acknowledgement of merit, is usually keenly appreciative of those whose recognition of its possibilities in unerring and who possess

the power to grasp the golden opportunities and mould them for their good and the good of their fellow men. Success when it redounds to the general prosperity is of the highest order and such has distinguished the career of William L. and Cornelia Swetland, of Sparta, Ohio. William L. Swetland, farmer and stockman, was born in South Bloomfield township August 31, 1838, the son of Giles and Sarah (Lewis) Swetland. His grandparents, Artemas and Lydia (Abbott) Swetland, emigrated with their elders from Pennsylvania in pioneer days and located in Ohio, where they established their home and did their share toward paving the way for latter day prosperity. In those days the Indian had not yet abdicated his lordship of hill and dale, and he looked with hostile eyes upon the invasion of what he considered his domain. Artemas, who was a boy at the time of the Wyoming massacre, was in the fort at the time of the frightful affair and escaped death by remaining with his father, Luke, who was on picket duty. In later years he served in the war of 1812. He landed in Delaware county, June 18, 1810, and began work in South Bloomfield township in 1815. He came in February, 1817, to Morrow county. Mr. Swetland's maternal grandfather was shot and tomahawked by the savages.

Giles Swetland, father of him whose name inaugurates this review, was a farmer by occupation and he is still well remembered in the community which was the scene of his usefulness. He and his wife reared a family of six children, five of whom were sons and one, a daughter. Byram L., the eldest, is a retired merchant of Mount Vernon, Ohio; Joseph Carper is a retired farmer and banker and makes his home in Chesterville, Ohio; Emily, wife of Carper Helt, is deceased, and she wedded Mr. Abner Bartlett, who is also deceased; Warren is a prosperous farmer of Sparta, Ohio; Dannie Lambert is deceased; and Mr. William Swetland, the subject of this review.

William L. Swetland received his education in the district school, and remained until manhood beneath the paternal roof-tree, under his father's excellent tutelage learning many of the secrets of successful agriculture. On December 25, 1861, he laid the foundation of a happy married life by his union to Miss Cornelia E. Hulse, daughter of Jabez and Mariah (Slack) Hulse, and with his bride he settled upon the old homestead and assumed its management and the care of his parents, whose failing health was cared for and declining years made easy by their kind and solicitous ministrations. They lived with the elder people until their demise, and they have continued upon the fine old place until the evening of their own life. In other days they worked with youthful energy to improve and beautify the place, building fine barns and a large commodious house, and to-day they have one of the finest country homes in this part of Ohio. They have prospered exceedingly and are well-to-do and highly regarded. Their union has been blessed

by the birth of five children. Duane, the eldest son, married Clara Roods and is a successful and progressive farmer and stockman, living in the vicinity of Fredericktown. Their three children are Edith, Roseoe A. and Florence. Minnie R. and Silenda, the two bright and winsome daughters of the household, attended the high school at Sparta and also engaged in the study of music, Minnie attending the Conservatory of Music of Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. The latter married Frank Wolf, of Centerburg, Ohio, and their present residence is in Seattle, Washington. Selinda married Dr. C. A. Levering, of Mohicanville, and died June 1, 1900, the mother of one son and one daughter, Burton and Laurel. Manning L. Swetland took as his wife Miss Bessie Rinehart, of Centerburg, Ohio, and they reside upon the old home place not many rods from the home of the subject and his wife. Their children are Tennie and Ralph. Manning L. has for a number of years superintended the work of the farm, which consists of four hundred and fifty acres. Burton V., the youngest member of the family married Miss Winnie Hewitt, of South Bloomfield township, and they reside at Centerburg, where Mr. Swetland owns and operates a prosperous tinning and roofing business. All of his children the subject endeavored and that successfully to provide with the truest principles of manhood and womanhood.

Mr. Swetland, who possesses a memory of unusual vividness, is able to recall events which happened many years ago, and can give days and dates with remarkable accuracy, this gift having proved useful on numerous occasions not only to himself but to his neighbors. He stands for the highest type of good citizenship and with his estimable wife enjoys the esteem of the community where they have spent their lives, to whose members they are endeared by their never-failing sympathy and kindness. They may thus look back over life's journey with a pardonable degree of pride.

Mr. and Mrs. Swetland keep open house the year around for the benefit of their many friends and acquaintances. The Swetland and Lewis reunions are frequently held upon their spacious grounds, and have ever proved occasions long to be remembered. The family has always taken pride in preserving their genealogical history, which they can trace back through many fruitful years. In many generations those who have borne the name have taken an active part in the building of the great commonwealth. Their immigrant ancestor was a sea captain—William Swetland, who with his good wife, Agnes, became residents of Salem, Massachusetts as early as 1676.

DR. SAMUEL VIRTUE, veterinary surgeon, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, owns and occupies a beautiful home on South Main street and ranks as one of the representative citizens of this place, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession for over twenty years.

Dr. Virtue is a native of Ohio. He was born in Guernsey county October 3, 1841, a son of Robert and Cynthia (Fuller) Virtue, and in 1846, when a lad of five years, was brought by his parents to Morrow county, where his boyhood was passed on a farm and where he attended the district schools. When the Civil war was inaugurated in 1861 his youthful spirit was fired with patriotism, and in the fall of that year he left the farm to enter the army. He enlisted in Company G, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which became a part of the Army of the Southwest, and where he served under General Halleck and General Grant, his first important battle being that of Shiloh. Near Corinth he was taken ill, and soon afterward was in hospital. His illness incapacitated him for service, and in the fall of 1862 he was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Morrow county. While his army life lasted only a year, it was long enough, with its exposures and hardships, to unfit him for farm work, and on his return home he turned his attention to the study and practice of veterinary surgery.

Soon after his return from the army, in the fall of 1862, Dr. Virtue married Miss Samantha Jane McVay, and they are the parents of the following children: Dr. F. M. Virtue, of Sulphur Springs, Crawford county, Ohio; Dr. C. E. Virtue, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio; Dr. C. E. Virtue, of Caledonia, Ohio; Dr. D. B. Virtue, of Iberia, Morrow county, Ohio; and Maggie, wife of David Douglas, of Iberia.

A veteran of the Civil war and a pensioner (being the recipient of a pension of seventeen dollars per month), Dr. Virtue is, of course, identified with the G. A. R., having membership in Hurd Post, No. 114, of which he is a Past Commander. Politically he is a Republican, and he cast his first presidential vote for the martyred Lincoln. While he has always been conscientious and prompt as a voter and well posted on political affairs, he has never been an office holder, nor has he ever sought official preferment. Religiously he is a Presbyterian.

FRED HARRIS has been a resident of Morrow county, Ohio, during most of his life thus far. He owns and occupies a farm of one hundred and fifty-three and one-half acres in South Bloomfield township and is classed among the self-made men of the community. An analysis of his life work shows that he has been dependent upon no inheritance or influential friends for what he has acquired, but has through his continued effort and capable management gained a desirable property, whereby he is classed among the substantial citizens of this section of the county.

Mr. Harris is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred in South Bloomfield township on the 19th of April, 1872. He is a son of Francis M. Harris, who was born and reared in Ohio and who was summoned to the life eternal on the 25th of

December, 1909, at the venerable age of seventy-one years. He was a son of Burr and Catherine (Shaffer) Harris and he continued to reside in the parental home until he had attained to the age of thirty-four years when, in 1862, he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company C, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Brown and Colonel Vance. He served in all three years and four months; was present at the siege of Vicksburg and participated in many other important conflicts marking the progress of the war. He received a slight wound in the left leg at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, but never left his regiment. Besides Mr. Harris' father, three of his uncles were soldiers in the Civil war: Michael, Phillip and Daniel. Phillip was killed on the battle field and Daniel was shot through the thigh, and gangrene setting in, this resulted in his death. After the close of the war Francis M. Harris returned to Ohio and on October 26, 1869, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Emiline Osborn, who was summoned to eternal rest December 25, 1909. Subsequently Mr. Harris wedded Miss Eliza E. Osborn, a sister of his first wife, and to the latter union were born two children—Bert, whose birth occurred in May, 1870, and Fred, the immediate subject of this sketch. Bert is also identified with agricultural pursuits in South Bloomfield township. Burr Harris was a Republican in his political convictions, was interested in the public-school system and was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a fine Bible student and a most active worker. Francis M. Harris ever retained a deep interest in his old comrades in arms and signified the same by membership in Creighton Orr Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Sparta. The mother survives her honored husband and is now living at Centerburg, Knox county, Ohio, whither removal was made when Mr. Harris retired from active farm life.

To the public schools of his native place Fred Harris is indebted for his early educational training and he continued to reside under the parental roof until his marriage, in 1894. After the latter important event Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harris resided for one year on the estate on which they now live. In 1895 they removed to Delaware county, where they remained for one year and whence they went to Knox county, residing in the latter section for seven years and eventually returning to South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, where they have since resided. The present farm of eighty acres is a portion of the government land entered by Grandfather Osborn. In addition to diversified agriculture Mr. Harris is interested in the breeding of high-grade horses, having commanded as much as four hundred dollars for a pair of yearlings. In politics he endorses the cause of the Republican party, and his wife is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church in Sparta, Ohio, in which she is also an active worker in the Sunday school. In matters pertaining to the general welfare

Mr. Harris is found reliable and helpful. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and trustworthy.. He has a good fund of that quality which is too often lacking in the business world—common sense. Since starting out in life for himself he has been self-reliant and energetic and is to-day the possessor of a good capital gained through this means.

On the 18th of November, 1894, Mr. Harris was united in marriage to Miss Verna Thompson, who was born on the 21st of July, 1876, and who is a daughter of William Americus and Angeline (Robertson) Thompson, both of whom were natives of Knox county where her father was long a prominent and influential farmer. Angeline Robertson had four brothers in the Civil war—Dr. Amza P., Henry Tyler and Jesse Robertson. Mr. W. A. Thompson was ever aligned as a stalwart Democrat in his political adherency and in religious matters he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was a strong temperance man and toward the latter part of his life became somewhat interested in the Prohibition party. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have three boys, whose names and respective dates of birth are here incorporated: Lawrence, born September 16, 1899; and Homer M. and William H., twins, born November 23, 1903. The children are all in school. At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Harris have a beautiful estate of one hundred and fifty-three and one-half acres lying within one mile of Sparta.

WILLIAM G. TABER is successfully engaged in the great basic industry of agriculture on his fine farm of two hundred acres in Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio. On this splendid estate occurred his birth, the date of the same being May 24, 1874. He is a son of Garrison and Olive (Silverthorn) Taber, the former of whom was likewise born and reared on the above farm and the latter of whom claims Delaware county, Ohio, as the place of her nativity. The father was born on the 16th day of July, 1849, and the mother on the 9th of March, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Taber became the parents of three children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Lillie is the wife of M. S. Adams, of Marion county, this state; Fordice was summoned to the life eternal at the age of three years; and William G. is the immediate subject of this review. The parents now maintain their home at Edison, where the father is living virtually retired, in the enjoyment of former years of earnest toil and endeavor.

Mr. Taber was reared to adult age on the home farm and he duly availed himself of the advantages afforded in the district schools supplanting this training by a course in the high school at Edison, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1895. For two years he was employed as a teacher in the district schools in Morrow county and in 1898 he engaged in the hardware business at Edison, in which line he built up a large

and representative patronage and with which he continued to be identified for a period of two years, at the expiration of which he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, locating on the old home farmstead on which he was born. This fine estate consists of two hundred acres of arable land, eligibly located two miles northwest of Edison, Ohio. The farm is splendidly improved and all the buildings thereon are of the most modern type. In politics he is a staunch advocate of the man best suited for the office of trust, in question.

On the 14th of October, 1897, Mr. Taber was united in marriage to Miss Lulu Coe, who was born in Gilead township, this county, and who is a daughter of George O. Coe, concerning whose history data appear on other pages of this volume, in the sketch dedicated to his career. Mrs. Taber was graduated in the Edison high school in 1893 and thereafter she was engaged in teaching for a period of three years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Taber have four children: Mildred, born December 7, 1898; Lawrence, born September 24, 1900; Aldeane, born June 11, 1905; and Horace, born March 15, 1907. In their religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Taber are Methodist Episcopal, holding membership in the Boundary church, in which they have been most zealous factors.

WILLIAM MELVILLE FRIZZELL, ex-sheriff of Morrow county, Ohio, and a prosperous farmer of Franklin township, is familiarly known as "Mellie" Frizzell. He was born January 31, 1858, on the old Frizzell homestead in Franklin township, which he now owns and on which his father settled on coming to this state in 1847. He is of Scotch and French descent, and both his father and mother were Virginians, members of prominent families of the "Old Dominion." His father, Henry Frizzell, died in 1862 of typhoid fever, at the age of forty years. His mother, Mary (Hutchinson) Frizzell, was a cousin of General Winfield S. Scott. She died in 1896, at the age of seventy years. Side by side husband and wife rest in Norfolk cemetery.

Mellie Frizzell has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits from boyhood, with the exception of about twenty-two months, when as a young man he was in Washington, D. C., employed as street car conductor, and during the time he was sheriff. He returned from Washington in 1890, and the prosperity that has attended his efforts has been sufficient to make farming interesting for him. To the thirty acres of land he owned in 1890 he has added by purchase as follows: Forty acres adjoining in 1891; twenty acres in 1897; one hundred and eighty acres in 1898; ten acres in 1905, and eighty-seven acres in 1908. This, together with the one hundred and five acres his wife inherited, makes their landed estate three hundred and ten acres.

Mr. Frizzell married, April 23, 1890, Miss Harrie Blayney, daughter of David and Rachel Blayney, natives of West Virginia

and descendants of the noble Blayney family of Blayney Castle, Ireland.. Her parents reside on a farm northwest of Pulaskiville. She has two brothers, John and Daniel, who live on farms adjoining the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell lost their only child in infancy.

Politically Mr. Frizzell has always been a Republican, and for many years has been an influential factor in county politics. He was elected sheriff of Morrow county in 1895, and again in 1897, at each election receiving the highest vote of any candidate on the ticket, and for two terms he served most efficiently in this capacity. Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Pulaskiville..

CLEMENT MCANALL.—As a worthy representative of the prosperous agriculturists of Morrow county and as an honored and respected citizen of Canaan township, Clement McAnall is especially deserving of mention in a work of this character. A son of John McAnall, he was born December 6, 1858, in Knox county, Ohio, coming from substantial Virginia ancestry.

John McAnall was born in Ohio county, West Virginia, April 6, 1828, where he was bred and educated. Subsequently settling in Knox county, Ohio, he lived there a few years and then moved to Morrow county, where he spent his remaining years, dying on his farm in Washington township in September, 1896. He was twice married. His first wife whose maiden name was Sarah A. Levering, died on the home farm in April, 1865. He married second, Minerva J. Logan, who is now living at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Of the children born by his first marriage but two grew to years of maturity, Clement, the subject of this sketch, and Mary A., deceased, who married D. R. Hammond. By his second union he had five children, as follows: John L.; Cora, wife of George Blayney; Agnes M.; Mattie B., wife of Arthur Kerr; and Hugh W., of Mt. Gilead.

Brought up on the home farm in Washington township, Clement McAnall acquired his elementary education in the district schools, after which he attended the Ohio Central College, at Iberia, for four terms. Selecting for his life work that occupation upon which the wealth and prosperity of our nation is so largely dependent, Mr. McAnall has since devoted his energies to the pursuit of agriculture, as a farmer and stock raiser meeting with unquestioned success. He now owns three hundred and thirty acres of fertile land in Washington and Canaan townships, and is widely known as one of the foremost farmers of Morrow county. A man of sterling worth, he is in all respects a valuable citizen of the township, performing his duties and obligations as such with commendable fidelity.

Mr. McAnall married, September 24, 1885, Amy Lyon, who was born in Canaan township, Morrow county, Ohio, June 14, 1861,

a daughter of Jacob Lyon. She is a woman of culture, having completed her early education in the Ohio Central College, at Iberia. Mr. and Mrs. McAnall are the parents of three children, namely: Esther M., who graduated from the Mt. Gilead High School, and is now an instructor in the Iberia High School; Hugh R., who graduated from the Iberia High School, and is now attending the Agricultural College at Columbus, Ohio; and Jay R., a pupil in the Iberia High School.

Politically Mr. McAnall is identified with the Democratic party, and he has served as township trustee. He is a deacon of the Presbyterian church of Iberia, to which he and his wife belong. Mr. and Mrs. McAnall are likewise members of Washington Grange, and take an active part in promoting the good of the organization. They have in their possession three of the parchments or buckskin deeds, executed under the hand and seal of President Andrew Jackson and bearing the following dates: October 18, 1834, October 14, 1835 and October 18, 1834. These deeds are valuable heirlooms in the home, and there are only six of these old deeds recorded in the twentieth century history of Morrow county. The pretty estate of Mr. McAnall is known as "Glenmore Springs Stock Farm." In the way of souvenirs they have his mother's spinning wheel and reels, which are at least three quarters of a century old, also a fancy double coverlet which was woven in 1849.

ARTHUR CRAVEN is identified with Morrow county, Ohio, as one of its district school teachers, and as son and grandson of its respected citizens. He was born in Franklin township, this county, August 12, 1886. In due time he completed the district school course, and at the age of seventeen successfully passed the examination and received a teacher's certificate. He has taught school five years in Franklin township and two years in Gilead township. In the meantime he attended Wooster University, where he prepared himself for more efficient work as teacher, and in his chosen profession is meeting with marked success. A member of the Franklin Baptist church, Mr. Craven is active both in church and Sunday school work, for the past two years having been superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Craven is a son of E. J. and Sarah (James) Craven, who were married October 8, 1885, and who now reside on a portion of the old Craven home place. E. J. Craven was born July 2, 1858, and began life for himself as a farm hand. By industry and careful economy he saved enough money with which to purchase some land, and he now owns eighty and a half acres, thirty-seven of which are a part of the old homestead. His father, Rodney Craven, a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, was born January 3, 1820; was reared to farm life and had the advantage of a good education. He came west to Ohio in 1843 and settled in Knox county, near Levering Station, where he remained three years.

Then he removed to Harmony township and purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres; and he spent three years in Decatur county, Indiana. In his family were eleven children, namely: Virginia, William H., John A., James R., Reuben R., Winfield, Edward J., George, Laura, Alice and one that died in infancy. James R. and John A., at the ages respectively of seventeen and eighteen years, enlisted for duty in the Civil war the former joining Company S, One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and the latter, Company K, Eighty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry; both died in the service. Mr. Craven's mother, Sarah E. (James) Craven, was born June 2, 1862, and is a descendant of one of the prominent old Virginia families who owned plantations and slaves. Her parents, Samuel and Ellen (Carrothers) James, were natives of Virginia; the former is now living in Cardington and the latter died in 1889. Arthur Craven married Miss Bernice S. Haldeman on February 22, 1911, and they are living in Troy township. Mrs. Cravens was educated in the common schools and is a graduate of the Johnsville High School, class of 1907. She taught in Perry and North Bloomfield townships about two years. She is a member of the United Brethren church in Troy township.

SENECA A. SMITH.—There is all of consistency in entering in this publication a tribute to this venerable and honored native son of Morrow county, where he stands as a worthy scion of a sterling pioneer family of this section of the state, with whose history the name has been identified for nearly a full century. Mr. Smith has been an effective and successful exponent of the agricultural industry, has been loyal as a citizen, and, above all, his personality has been the positive expression of a strong, earnest and noble character, so that he has never been denied the confidence and definite esteem of his fellow men. His entire life thus far has been passed in this section of Ohio, though not entirely within the borders of Morrow county, and he has played well his part in the development and upbuilding of a district that was scarcely more than a wilderness at the time he was here ushered into the world.

Seneca A. Smith was born in the village of Westfield, Morrow county, in the section which was then a part of Delaware county, and the date of his nativity was October 5, 1836. The house in which he was born was situated on the property now owned by Oliver E. Richardson, and soon after his birth his parents removed to a farm one mile west of the village, where they continued to reside until the spring of 1849, when they deemed it expedient to seek another location. The farm was accordingly sold and in October of the same year they purchased and removed to what was then known as the Woodbury farm, one and one-half miles west of Westfield, where the parents passed the residue of their lives and where the son was reared to maturity. David Smith, the father



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of him whose name initiates this review, was of Scotch-Irish lineage and was a son of Rev. Simeon Smith, a pioneer minister of the Baptist church and a valiant soldier in the Contintal line in the war of the Revolution. Rev. Simeon Smith imigrated from Chenango county, New York, to Ohio in 1818, and here he not only secured land and engaged in farming but he also labored zealously as a pioneer clergyman in this state until he was summoned to the life eternal. He was twice married and David was a son of the second union. At an early age David Smith was bereft of his father, and as much of the responsibility of providing for the family devolved upon him he gained a discipline that developed and matured the sterling qualities which brought to him success in later years. His wife, whose maiden name was Maria Monroe, was a native of Pennsylvania and was a member of a large family of that name prominently identified with the early history of Delaware and Morrow counties. She died when but forty-seven years of age, just as her children were establishing themselves in homes of their own. She is to be remembered as a woman of rare domestic ability and beautiful character, and her whole mind and heart were given to her family.

Seneca A. Smith was reared amid the scenes and influences of the pioneer days in what is now Morrow county, and his early educational advantages were those afforded in the district schools of the locality and period. As a youth he supplemented this training by attending for several terms a boarding school at Mt. Hesper, and later he availed himself of the privileges of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. For four years he was a successful and popular teacher in the schools of his native county, but he had the good judgment to subordinate such pedagogic preferment to the great basic industry to which he had been reared and in connection with which he was destined to gain a most generous measure of success. In 1857, on a piece of land given to him by his father in Waldo township, Marion county, he erected a house of hewed logs and thus made ready for his marriage, which was solemnized on the 10th of October, 1858, when Miss Nancy E. West became his wife. She was a young woman of sterling attributes of mind and heart and was well qualified to preside over the affairs of the new home, in which she proved a veritable helpmeet. Her district school training had been supplemented by two terms of study in Mt. Hesper Seminary.

Here in the humble log house, surrounded by forest and field, were born eight of the nine children of Seneca A. and Nancy E. (West) Smith, the youngest of the nine having been born at the home in Lincoln township, Morrow county. Concerning the children the following brief data are entered: Claremont R., who was born in 1859, is a master mechanic by vocation, is married and resides in Indianapolis, Indiana; Dr. Florence R., widow of Theodorie S. White, is a skilled physician and surgeon and is en-

gaged in the practice of her profession in Cardington, Morrow county; Charles W., a widower, with three children, is a prosperous farmer residing at Ferndale, Washington; James S., who is married, resides upon and has the active supervision of the home farm of his venerable father; Helen and David died early in life; Daisy A., is a dressmaker by vocation and resides at Laramie, Wyoming; Arthur A., is married and is one of the stockholders of the Fall Creek Sheep Company, Limited, at American Falls, Idaho, where he maintains his home; A. Imogene, who is a trained nurse by profession and who was graduated in the training school of Lakeside Hospital in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, is now a resident of the city of Los Angeles, California.

In politics Seneca A. Smith has been continuously affiliated with the Democratic party, except for several years' adherence to the Prohibition party in the early period of its history, and he was the only voter for several years in his township to express in this manner his sentiments in regard to the liquor traffic. He has been ever ready to give his aid and influence in support of measures and enterprises for the general good of the community and has served in the offices of township supervisor, clerk and assessor, as well as in that of school director. Upon attaining to his legal majority Mr. Smith identified himself with the Westfield Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which his father and father-in-law were charter members, and later he became affiliated also with the other encampment branch of the fraternity, as well as with its adjunct organization, the Daughters of Rebekah. In 1874 he became much interested in the farmers' organization, the Patrons of Husbandry, in which he was instrumental in the organization of the grange at Westfield, both he and his wife being charter members of the same. This staunch order has always had his warmest and most devoted service during the period of its existence in Morrow county. Upon his retirement from Westfield Grange, No. 732, he became affiliated with Harmony Grange, No. 411, in which he is still an active member.

The religious faith of Mr. Smith is that of the Universalist church, with which he united in his early manhood and of which his wife also has long been a devoted member. He entered this denomination under the leadership of Rev. Charles F. Waite, by whom he and his wife were married. His devotion to the church is fervent and his daily life has ever been consistent with his professions.

In 1877, wishing to afford his children better educational and social advantages, Mr. Smith sold his farm in Marion county and returned to Morrow county, where he purchased the farm of Henry Stiner, at the point familiarly known as Stiner's Corners, in Lincoln township. He forthwith began to improve and beautify the new homestead, in order to bring the place up to the high standard which he had set. He has made many changes in the

place, as he believes that the earthly home should be the best possible setting, ideal and inspiration, with the well ordered sentiment that the fullest life is one not given over merely to the sordid accumulation of this world's goods but rather to developing symmetrical character, fitted for the final transition. The keynote to his character is honesty, fidelity to duty, and better than this can be said of no man. As an agriculturist and stock grower Mr. Smith has shown the most progressive policies and has wisely striven to gain the maximum returns from the time, energy and financial expenditures given. He has thus achieved definite independence and prosperity and has made his attractive homestead one of the model farms of his native county. He is a man of broad mental ken and positive views, but is kindly and tolerant in his judgment and always ready to aid those in any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body or estate.

It is fitting that in this connection be given somewhat of detail concerning the cherished and devoted wife of Mr. Smith, and the following data offer a consistent complement to this brief sketch of his career.

Mrs. Nancy E. (West) Smith was born at West Rushville, Fairfield county, Ohio, on the 13th of October, 1839. Her father, James Rennison West, was born at Carlyle, England, in 1809, and thus was about nine years of age at the time of his parents' immigration to the United States, in 1818. His father, a silk and wool weaver, located at Ellicott's Mills, Maryland, where he and his son followed the weaver's trade until about 1826, when the family removed to Muskingum county, Ohio, where the son James R. met and married Miss Rebecca Hedges, a daughter of John and Nancy (Neff) Hedges, pioneer settlers who had come to this state from Virginia. The Hedges family has been one of prominence and influence in the civic and material progress of Ohio and members of the same were important factors in connection with the founding of the cities of Mansfield and Tiffin. James R. and Rebecca (Hedges) West located at West Rushville, Fairfield county, soon after their marriage, and there their daughter Nancy E. gained her rudimentary education. Early in October, 1847, they came to Morrow county and established their home on a farm in Westfield township, to which place they made the journey from Fairfield county with a team and wagon. The girlhood days of Mrs. Smith were passed on the farm, where she learned those habits of thrift and industry so pronounced in her character. As previously stated her earlier educational advantages were supplemented by two terms of attendance in Mt. Hesper Seminary, a boarding school for young men and women. This institution was maintained under the able direction of the late Jesse and Cynthia Harkness, and its facilities were of excellent order. After leaving this seminary Mrs. Smith taught one term in a district school and she received the munificent stipend of two dollars a week, in

the meanwhile "boarding around" with the various patrons of the school. In the autumn of the same year, 1858, she was wedded to Mr. Smith, whom she had known for years and who was a fellow student at Mt. Hesper, the two families having been long time friends. Mrs. Smith's life has been that of the busy wife and mother, and to her children she has given loving, helpful care and solicitude. Always cheerful and optimistic, ready to aid in sickness or death, she has endeared herself to a large circle of friends and is held in affectionate regard by all who have come within the sphere of her gentle and gracious influence. She is affiliated with the Daughters of Rebekah and Patrons of Husbandry, and she has ably filled the various offices to which she has been called in each of these orders. One of the dominant traits of her character is a love of the beautiful, especially as manifested in flowers and in the adornment of her home. This amounts almost to a passion, as may well be noted in a visit to her home in summer. She has served as school director and still maintains a lively interest in educational affairs. She is a devoted member of the Universalist church, as is her husband, and both take an active part in the various departments of the work of the church of this denomination at Mt. Gilead, where they attend services with as great regularity as is possible.

JAMES W. NELSON.—Conspicuous among the younger generation of Morrow county's substantial business men is James W. Nelson, who is filling the responsible position of cashier of the Marengo Banking Company. A native of Ohio, he was born September 14, 1880, in Washington township, Morrow county, on the farm where his parents, William and Nancy (Post) Nelson, still reside.

Spending his early years on the home farm, James W. Nelson attended first the district schools and later continued his studies at the Iberia High School. He subsequently worked with his father on the homestead, becoming familiar with the various branches of agriculture, but did not care enough for the rural occupation to make it his life work. Leaving the farm, therefore, he found employment as clerk in a store, first at St. James and later at Climax. In 1904 Mr. Nelson successfully passed the civil service examination, and for two years and a half was mail carrier on one of the rural routes going out of St. James. Resigning that position, he entered a business college in Oberlin, Ohio, where he was graduated, receiving his diploma in May, 1907. Two months later, on July 9, 1907, Mr. Nelson came to Marengo, and during the following three months was bookkeeper for the Marengo Banking Company, with which he has since been associated. Developing marked ability in that position, he was made assistant cashier of the company in October of that year, and on April 19, 1910, was made cashier of the institution, a position for which he is well qualified and which he is filling to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. Nelson married, March 27, 1907, Tamer Crider, who was born in 1887, a daughter of Adam Crider, and was educated in the Iberia High School. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have two children, namely: Dorothea L. and Mary E.

Politically Mr. Nelson affiliates with the Republican party, and fraternally he is a member and past chancellor of Marengo Lodge, No. 216, K. of P. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Nelson is a capable business man and owns property of value on Walnut street, Marengo.

WILLIAM P. VAUGHAN.—An essentially representative and public spirited citizen, William P. Vaughan is at present the able and popular ineumbent of the office of cashier of the First National Bank of Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio, and he has other important financial interests of broad scope and importance in this section of the fine old Buckeye state. He was born in Lincoln township, this county, on the 17th of April, 1862, and is a son of James W. and Rachel A. (Wood) Vaughan, the former of whom is a native of Stark county, Ohio, where he was born in March, 1832, and the latter of whom also claims the state of Ohio as the place of her birth. James W. Vaughan is a son of Mathew Vaughan and Phoebe (Pennock) Vaughan, natives of Virginia, whence they early established their home in Stark county, where they resided until about 1847, when they removed to Morrow county, at that time Delaware county, Ohio. Mathew Vaughan was identified with agricultural pursuits during his entire active business career. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, and of this number James W. is the only one now living in 1910. He is a resident of Lincoln township, where he has long been engaged in farming and though he has attained to the venerable age of seventy-eight years he is still hale and hearty. Mrs. Vaughan is seventy-seven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan became the parents of four children, Edward J., of Columbus, Ohio; William P., the immediate subject of this review; Mary N., is the wife of Charles F. Osborn, of Lincoln township; and Hon. Walter W., whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work, maintains his home at Cardington.

William P. Vaughan was reared to maturity on the old home farm, where he continued to reside until he was eighteen years of age. He attended the district schools of Morrow county and in 1882 was graduated in the Union School at Cardington. For one year thereafter he was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and in 1886 he entered the Cincinnati School of Law, in the city of Cincinnati, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887, duly receiving his degree of Bachelor of Law. He initiated the practice of his profession at Cardington in 1888, and built up and controled a large and representative clientage until January, 1899, at which time he was proffered and accepted the position of cashier of the First National Bank of Card-

ington. He has been interested in the banking business during the intervening years to the present time and he is interested financially in other important enterprises in Cardington, being a stockholder and one of the directors in the Galion Telephone Company. In politics he is a staunch adherent of the principles of the Republican party and though he has never been anxious for the honors or emoluments of public office he gives freely of his aid and influence in support of all measures and enterprises advanced for the general welfare of the community. In 1897 he was appointed referee in bankruptcy and he holds this office at the present time. Fraternally he has passed through the circle of York Rite Masonry, holding membership in Cardington Lodge, No. 384, Free and Accepted Masons; Cardington Chapter, No. 163, Royal Arch Masons; Marion Council, Royal and Select Masters; Marion Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templars. He has served as master and as high priest of the Cardington Lodge and Chapter, respectively. He and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church at Cardington, in the various departments of whose work they have been active factors.

Mr. Vaughan was married in 1890 to Miss Stella Willits, who departed this life in 1893. From this union was born in 1893 a son, James G., who is now a student in a business college at Columbus, Ohio.

In 1905 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Vaughan to Miss Iva G. Hindman, who was born and reared in Washington township, Morrow county, and who is a daughter of Matthew Hindman.

STEPHEN B. LYON.—Industry and ability invariably win their way to prominence. No matter how small and insignificant the beginning may be, the industrious man who exerts his talents and has the tenacity of purpose to persist in the course good judgment dictates never fails of success. Stephen B. Lyon has been identified with agricultural pursuits in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, for fully three decades, and in the township has been incumbent of some important offices of public trust and responsibility.

Mr. Lyon was born on the farm in Morrow county on the 11th of December, 1854, and is a son of Newton and Hannah (Lounsbury) Lyon, the former of whom was a native of the state of Ohio and the latter of whom was born in New York. The mother accompanied her parents to Ohio when a child of but three years of age, the journey having been made overland by wagon. Location was made in the woods in Knox county on a tract of land which the father reclaimed to cultivation. Newton Lyon was a son of Smith and Sallie (Marvin) Lyon, and the former was a son of Walker and Mary Lyon who came to Ohio from Connecticut when Smith was a lad of twelve years of age. The Lyon family settled on a tract of eighty acres of land east of Bloomfield and in the early

pioneer days they were the only white family but one, that of Peter Kile, between that place and Mt. Liberty. Mr. and Mrs. Newton Lyon became the parents of three children, of whom Stephen B. was the second in order of birth, namely, Smith W., Stephen B. and John F. The father was identified with farming during the major portion of his active business career, and he and his wife are yet living.

Stephen B. Lyon was reared to the invigorating discipline of the home farm and he early availed himself of the advantages afforded in the public schools of his native place. He also attended school for a time at Delaware, Ohio, and as a young man he spent one year in the west in prospecting. When twenty-five years of age he was married and thereafter he turned his attention to farming, location being made on an estate near his present fine farm. He is engaged in general farming and in late years has become much interested in the raising of Delaine sheep, in which line of enterprise he has been eminently successful. He takes care of flocks numbering up to two hundred head and averages some ten pounds of wool per animal. In politics Mr. Lyon accords an uncompromising allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and in connection with public affairs he has served the county as deputy state supervisor of elections for some eight years. He has held other minor township offices and for a number of years has been a member of the school board. In their religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Lyon are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Sparta, Ohio, to whose charities and benevolences they have ever been most liberal contributors. As a citizen of sterling integrity of character and eminent reliability Mr. Lyon has frequently been called upon to settle the estates of his neighbors, among them being those of his grandfather, Colonel Brown, Joseph Conway and others. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias at Centerburg, Ohio.

On September 1, 1879, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Lyon to Miss Mary Gloyd, who was born in South Bloomfield township December 7, 1856, and who is a daughter of Morgan and Margaret (Jackson) Gloyd, the former of whom was born on the 25th of August, 1826, and the latter on the 5th of October, 1832, both having been natives of Connecticut, whence the respective families immigrated to Ohio in the early pioneer days, the Gloyds locating in the vicinity of Sparta, and the Jacksons in South Bloomfield township. Morgan Gloyd passed away on the 23rd of November, 1890, and his wife died on the 28th of August, 1892. They had two children, of whom Mrs. Lyon was the second in order of birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Lyon was born one child, Maud, whose birth occurred on the 27th of July, 1880, and who is now the wife of J. M. Wilson of Knox county; they have one child, Harold who is in school and bright in his studies. Maud was educated in the common and high schools at Centerburg, Knox county, Ohio, having

been graduated in the latter institution at the early age of fifteen years. After leaving school she taught for two years in South Bloomfield township.

CHRIS BITZER.—Examine the life records of self made men and it will always be found that indefatigable industry forms the basis of their success. True, there are other elements that enter in—perseverance of purpose and keen discrimination, which enable one to recognize business opportunities—but the foundation of all achievement is earnest, persistent labor. At the outset of his career Chris Bitzer recognized this fact and did not seek to gain any short or wondrous method to the goal of prosperity. He began, however, to work earnestly and diligently in order to advance himself in the business world and though he started out as a factory hand he is now general manager of the Mount Gilead Lumber Company, a branch of the J. S. Peck & Son firm of Cardington, Ohio.

Mr. Bitzer is a native son of Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio, the date of his birth being December 16, 1859, and his parents were Chris and Catherine (Mauch) Bitzer, both of whom were born and reared in Germany, whence they came to America in early youth, settling at Cardington, where was solemnized their marriage about the year 1855. The father was a veteran of the Civil war and he died at the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio, in November, 1898. His wife, who preceded him to the life eternal, died in 1888.

To the public schools of Cardington Chris Bitzer, of this review, is indebted for his early educational training. When thirteen years of age he began work in the factory of J. S. Peck & Son. There, in time, he became expert as a woodwork mechanic and eventually was made foreman, a position of which he continued incumbent for a period of fifteen years. When the Mount Gilead Lumber Company, a branch of the J. S. Peck & Son business was opened up at Mt. Gilead, Mr. Bitzer was transferred to this place and made its general manager, in which capacity he has served with all of ability and success for seven years, in fact, from 1904 to the present time, in 1911. In politics Mr. Bitzer is aligned as a stalwart in the ranks of the Republican party and it is interesting to note here that his first presidential vote was cast in favor of President Garfield. He is not active in politics, however, and never has been, his entire time and attention being devoted to the business in which he is engaged. Fraternally he is a member of the Charles Hull Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, in which he has passed all the chairs except that of chancellor commander. He is also affiliated with Lodge No. 169, Knights of the Maccabees, at Cardington, and he and his wife are connected with the Pythian Sisters.

On the 23rd of May, 1889, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bitzer to Miss Addie Poland, who was born in Little Rock, Arkan-

sas, on the 15th of December, 1870, and who is a daughter of Professor J. C. Poland and granddaughter of Samuel Poland, for many years representative citizens of Morrow county. Samuel Poland was the first county auditor of Morrow county. When a mere child Mrs. Bitzer's parents returned to Mt. Gilead, Ohio, where they had formerly lived, and she was reared and educated in Marion county, Ohio. She is bookkeeper for the concern of which her husband is general manager. She is a woman of rare business ability and is very prominent in the work of the Pythian Sisters. To Mr. and Mrs. Bitzer was born one child, Jesse J., whose natal day was June 10, 1890. He was possessed of an unusually bright intellect and after completing the curriculum of the public schools of Mt. Gilead he went to Cincinnati, where he began study in art and music. He was not destined to remain long in this world, however, for on the 10th of November, 1907, he died from an attack of appendicitis and resulting peritonitis.

Jesse Bitzer had been a student in the Cincinnati Art Academy at Cincinnati for several months prior to his death. On the Monday preceding his demise he was stricken with an attack of appendicitis. Friends telegraphed his parents of his illness and his mother went to him Tuesday, scarcely leaving his side for a moment until his death. The only hope of recovery was through the chance of an operation and before the father had arrived at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati the operation had been performed. The invalid rallied nicely but peritonitis developed and he passed away with great suffering on the ensuing Sunday morning. From the first he did not expect to recover and Saturday morning he said, "Stay with me, Mamma, all the time, for this is my last day on earth." The funeral services were held at the Methodist church at Mt. Gilead and the interment was made in Cardington cemetery. Jesse Bitzer was possessed of most extraordinary talent along the lines of art and music and great things were expected of him. He was a lad of noble character and early manifested those traits which distinguish great personalities. His sudden death was a great blow to his devoted parents. "The sympathy of the Knights of King Arthur, the Sabbath school, his Sabbath school class, Trinity Aid Society, groups of close friends and many individuals was expressed in the mass of floral offerings sent to the desolated home."

THOMAS J. HYATT.—The Morrow county citizenship is fortunate in the possession of the Hyatt family, estimable members of society and representatives of the agricultural industry. Daniel Webster once said: "Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. Man may be civilized in some degree without great progress in manufactures and with little commerce with his distant neighbors. But without the cultivation of the earth, he is, in all countries, a savage. Until he gives

up the chase, and fixes himself in some place and seeks a living from the earth, he is a roaming barbarian. When tillage begins, other arts follow. The farmers, therefore, are the founders of civilization." There is no gainsaying the truth of this and, furthermore, the farmers constitute one of the most independent and wholesome classes.

Thomas J. Hyatt, son of Elisha and Polly (Hyatt) Hyatt, was born February 2, 1836. His parents were born in Montgomery county, Maryland, and emigrated to Ohio in 1835, the year previous to his birth. They settled in Liberty township, Knox county, and reared a family of seven children, six of whom were sons and one a daughter, and whose names were William, Jesse, Eli, Washington, Mortimer and Mary E. Washington and Mortimer were soldiers in the Civil war, the latter dying while in the service of his country. The children attended the Liberty township district schools and remained under the parental roof tree until years of discretion had been attained, assisting their father on the farm.

At the age of thirty-three years Thomas J. Hyatt took upon himself the duties and responsibilities of married life, his union to Miss Rachel A. Bowman being celebrated March 3, 1869. Mrs. Hyatt's parents were Daniel and Mary (Shoe) Bowman, of Knox county, the former being a farmer. The young girl remained at home until her marriage and received her education in the district schools. After their marriage these estimable young people set about establishing a home for themselves, and their industry and thrift was rewarded with material success. Three children were born to share their home with them, but the only daughter died in infancy. The sons were Orin and Orley. Orin married Miss Elsie May Robinson, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that being their present place of residence. Orley is unmarried and makes his home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt own a desirable tract of land north of Hedding Chapel, upon which they maintain their pleasant home. They have for many years been honored members of the Friendship Protestant Methodist church, and although removed from that immediate neighborhood, they still prefer holding their membership with the church of their early choice. Mr. Hyatt's political affiliations are with the Democratic party, to which he has given his allegiance since his earliest voting days. It is the gratifying portion of these estimable people to be most respected where best known, and in their present home they have resided for twenty-one years—an ample test of character and worth.

AMOS J. JAGO.—Through his own persistency and well directed efforts Amos J. Jago has gradually worked his way upward in the business world until at the present time, in 1911, he is one of the trusted employes of The Dr. N. Tucker Asthma Specific Remedy Company which is conducted by Dr. N. Tucker, of Mt. Gilead.

Mr. Jago is a native son of Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, where his birth occurred on the 9th of June, 1875. He is a son of George and Sarah E. (Cooper) Jago, both of whom are now deceased. The Cooper family was founded in Ohio by William Cooper, grandfather of the subject of this review, who came to this state as early as the year 1826. He was a wheelwright by trade and he erected the Buckeye grist mill, which he owned and operated for a number of years. George Jago was identified with the dry goods business during the major part of his active career and he was summoned to the life eternal in 1898, his cherished and devoted wife having passed away in 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Jago became the parents of two children, of whom Amos was the first in order of birth. When eight years of age Amos accompanied his parents on their removal from Mt. Gilead to Delaware, in the county of the same name, Ohio, where the family home was maintained until 1887, in which year removal was made to the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. To the public schools of Delaware and Cincinnati Mr. Jago, of this sketch, is indebted for his preliminary educational training, which discipline was later supplemented by a commercial course in the Michael Business College, at Delaware, Ohio. After completing his business course he was proffered and accepted a clerical position in the office of Dr. N. Tucker, at Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, and in this establishment he has been employed for the past seventeen years. After thoroughly familiarizing himself with the business he was advanced steadily from one position of trust to another. He is a man of marked executive capacity and is known throughout the county as a man of sterling integrity and fair and honorable methods.

On June 1, 1907, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Jago to Miss Mary E. Vining, of Marengo, Ohio, where she was born and educated, being graduated in the high school at that place. To this union has been born one child, Mary E., whose birth occurred on the 29th of February, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Jago are devout members of the Presbyterian church at Mt. Gilead.

Mr. Jago is a stalwart supporter of the Republican party in his political proclivities and although he has never manifested aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office of any description he is loyal and public spirited in all matters tending to advance the general welfare of the community. Fraternally he has passed through the circle of York Rite Masonry, holding membership in Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Gilead Chapter, No. 59, Royal Arch Masons; Marion Council, No. 22, Royal and Select Masters; and Marion Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templars. In the Royal Arch Masons he is secretary of the local chapter. Although still a young man Mr. Jago has gained a noteworthy success in the business world of this section of Morrow county. He has through his own exertions attained an honorable position and marked prestige among the

representative business men of Mt. Gilead and with signal consistency it may be said that he is the architect of his own fortunes and one whose success amply justifies the application of the somewhat hackneyed but most expressive title—a self made man.

THE TAYLOR FAMILY.—Among the many worthy families who have taken an active part in the improvement and upbuilding of Morrow county, Ohio, we are pleased to record the honored name of Taylor, representatives of which are descendants of Robert and Rachel (Scott) Taylor, both of whom were born and reared in the state of Pennsylvania. From the old Keystone commonwealth Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor moved to West Virginia, whence they later immigrated to Morrow county, Ohio, bringing with them a family of twelve children—eight sons and four daughters. The names of the above mentioned children are here entered in respective order of birth: William, Susan, Jane, Alexander, Robert, Joseph, Josiah, Mary, Sammy, Rachel, John and Scott. Location was made on the fine old homestead farm ever since occupied by Robert Taylor's descendants. Mr. Taylor was a miller by occupation and he was identified with that line of enterprise for a period of twenty-seven years, in addition to which he was also interested in farming. Many needed improvements on the new place were installed by the family and the farm was tilled with vigor by the numerous sons, the well cultivated fields being the best proof of their energy and industry. Robert Taylor was summoned to the life eternal in 1876, and the fond wife and mother passed into the "Great Beyond" in 1885.

The Taylor children received their educational training in the neighboring district schools and when old enough began to assist their parents in the work and management of the home farm. The old Taylor residence has been the scene of numerous gayeties and happy gatherings as one by one the children married and the weddings were celebrated under the old roof tree. On these occasions a merry company, often numbering a hundred guests, were assembled. William, now deceased, married Miss Martha Holdridge and became a successful miller at Sparta, where he was a decidedly popular citizen, enjoying the esteem of a large circle of acquaintances; Jane, was united in marriage to Fleming Manville; Alexander wedded Harriet Babcock; Josiah married Betsy Ann Bradfield; John wedded Caroline Pealer; and Rachel became the wife of Jason Sprague. To the last union was born one little daughter, Sadie, whose birth occurred on the 9th of July, 1884, and who came to grace the old home with the sunshine of her presence. Sometimes the death angel visited the old home and the hearts of the good people bowed under its gloom. Two loved sisters, Mary and Susan, were laid away to rest. The four brothers, Robert, Joseph, Sammy and Scott, remained at home, Rachel faithfully acting as housekeeper. With the passage of years, the little Sadie

grew to womanhood, one of the fairest girls in the country round, her presence having been a source of keen pleasure to her uncles, who could not spoil her by their indulgence.

Sadie Sprague was united in marriage, on the 12th of April, 1906, to Roy Barr, and they maintain their home at Bloomfield. They are the fond parents of one son, Robert Clay Barr, born on the 13th of July, 1907. Mr. Barr is engaged in farming and stock raising and he is recognized as one of the prominent citizens of Bloomfield, where he is a co-operant factor in all measures projected for the good of the general welfare.

The Taylor Brothers, as they are familiarly called, have at different times served the public in various official appointments of important trust and responsibility, including the offices of township trustee, assessor and treasurer, and they are referred to as members of one of Morrow county's most honored and esteemed families, being widely renowned for their hospitality and kindness. Advancing years having unfitted them for active farm duties, they recently purchased a fine, comfortable home at Sparta, where they are passing the evening of their lives in full enjoyment of the fruits of their former years of earnest toil and endeavor, leaving the care of the farm to a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Shore. Charity in its widest and best sense has been practiced by the Taylor Brothers and their benevolence has made smooth the rough way of many a weary traveler on life's journey. By reason of their sterling integrity and moral uprightness, they are eminently well deserving of representation in this volume devoted to the history of Morrow county and her representative and public spirited citizens.

GEORGE O. COE.—For some thirty years was George O. Coe engaged in the drug and hardware business at Mt. Gilead and at Edison, Morrow county, Ohio, and he is now residing on his fine farm of eighty acres in Gilead township, where he is identified with diversified agriculture and stock raising. He is a man of prominence and influence in the Republican party, in the local ranks of which he has been an active factor. Mr. Coe was born on the farm on which he now resides on the 23rd of March, 1849, and is a son of Abraham and Margaret (Nichols) Coe, both of whom were born and reared in Virginia, the former in Frederick county and the latter in Loudoun county. The father was born on the 23rd of December, 1806, and his death occurred on the 6th of October, 1893; the mother was born on the 4th of August, 1813, and she was summoned to the life eternal on the 21st of September, 1849. After the death of his first wife Abraham Coe wedded, December 28, 1851, Mrs. Joseph Sellers. No children were born to the latter union, but by his first wife Mr. Coe became the father of nine children, of whom George O. was the ninth in order of birth. Margaret (Nichols) Coe was a daughter of Nathan and

Sarah (Thomas) Nichols, the former of whom was born November 30, 1770, and the latter, June 13, 1782. About the year 1828 Sarah Nichols entered a tract of three hundred and twenty acres of government land in section 26, Gilead township, one quarter of which is now owned by the subject of this review and who also has the original deed of the land.

George O. Coe was reared to the invigorating discipline of the home farm and his educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools. When twenty-one years of age he went to Mt. Gilead, where he engaged in the drug business, in which line of enterprise he was eminently successful, continuing to be thus identified for fully three decades. In 1902, however, having attained a competency, he retired from active participation in business affairs and since that time he has resided on his splendid farm in Gilead township. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and he has ever exerted his influence to further all projects advanced for the general welfare of the community. In 1903 he was elected to the office of precinct assessor, in which he served for two years with the utmost proficiency. He is a man of fine, straightforward principles and sterling integrity of character and as such is highly esteemed in the community which has represented his home from the time of his birth.

On the 14th of May, 1872, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Coe to Miss Hannah V. McCormick, who was born in Canaan township, this county, on the 12th of January, 1855, a daughter of Seth and Rachel (Brown) McCormick, for many years prominent farmers in this section of the fine old Buckeye state. Mrs. Coe was reared in Edison, where she was also educated. To Mr. and Mrs. Coe have been born six children, namely: Elbert G., whose birth occurred on the 5th of July, 1874, was graduated in the Edison High School and in Seio College of Pharmacy and he is now a druggist at Hastings, Florida, and married to Emma G. Walker, of Franklin, Pennsylvania; Lulu M., born January 16, 1877, was graduated in the Edison High School, where she was a successful and popular teacher for a period of two years; she is now the wife of William G. Taber, of Mt. Gilead; Ray M., born March 9, 1879, was graduated in the Edison High School and is now a resident of Hastings, Florida; Anna M., and Amy M., twins, were born April 12, 1884; Amy M., died in April, 1897, and Anna M., after completing the prescribed course in the Edison High School, was postmistress in Edison for five years; she is now Mrs. Chas. I. Van Natta, of Gilead township; Fred O., born October 14, 1889, was graduated in the Edison High School and was engaged in teaching for two years in the public schools of Morrow county, and is now a student in Wesley College at Delaware, Ohio. The entire family are devout adherents of the Methodist Episcopal church at Edison, in which Mr. Coe is a member of the official board.



E. M. Willits

EDWARD M. WILLITS.—In view of the nomadic spirit which dominates so many Americans of today, it is pleasing to find a locality whose residents spend their industrious and useful lives in the place of their nativity, give their energies and abilities to the advancement of their home communities, and spend their years in labor and ever increasing comfort, prosperity and mutual respect. A fine representative of this enviable class of American citizens is Edward M. Willits, who was born in Cardington township, Morrow county, Ohio on the 7th of November, 1867, a son of William and Lucinda (Grandy) Willits, the father being a native of the same township and the mother, of the state of New York. William Willits was born January 19, 1831, and Joel, his father, was a Virginian, the date of whose birth was 1804. Tracing the genealogical line still further into the past it is found that the great-grandfather of Edward M., Samuel Willits, emigrated to America at an early day from his native Wales.

When he was a mere boy Joel Willits, the grandfather, accompanied his parents from the Old Dominion to Ohio, and he was reared on a Knox county farm. By his marriage to Cynthia Lewis, daughter of John Lewis and a native of Pennsylvania, he became the father of John, William, Samuel, Elvira, Deborah, Wendell P., Esther Ann, Clayton and Sarah Ellen Willits; of the sons, William, Clayton and Wendell were gallant Union oldiers, the first named (father of Edward M.) serving in the ranks of Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

William Willits married Lucinda Grandy, who was born in New York July 12, 1834, a daughter of William and Celinda (Brockway) Grandy, early settlers of Cardington, Ohio. To this union were born Estella and William Arthur, both deceased; Edward Martin, the immediate subject of this review, and one who died in infancy. The faithful and good father of this family passed to his reward April 20, 1904, in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

Edward M. Willits was reared to maturity on the old home farm three miles west of Cardington and received his education in the district schools of his native township and in the high school at Cardington. After leaving school he entered the First National Bank of Cardington as teller and bookkeeper, continuing in that capacity for six years, or until the organization of the Citizens' Bank. Of this substantial institution he was one of the promoters and original incorporators, his associates being J. S. Peek, W. B. Denman, C. F. Hammond and H. W. Curl. The Citizens' Bank had a large and substantial list of stock holders and was incorporated under state laws with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. It organized with the following officers: J. S. Peek, president; W. B. Denman, vice president; and E. M. Willits, cashier. While the grim reaper has removed many of the original stockholders of the bank, Mr. Willits continues to hold and to honor

his position as cashier. He has also served for nine years as secretary of the Morrow County Building and Loan Association of Cardington, and for six years was locally prominent in Masonry as secretary of Cardington Lodge No. 384, Free and Accepted Masons. He has had unbounded faith in the reliability of his home town; is a practicing advocate for home investment and has become one of the largest real estate holders in the village.

The above outline record of Mr. Willits' life and characteristic activities points to the energies and abilities of an honorable and successful career, which have sprung from a strong and sterling character. A glance at the political and public phases of his life shows him to be a firm Republican, a public spirited citizen, and especially interested in the advancement of public education, his work and influence in the field last named being accomplished and wielded as a member and as president of the Union School Board. Both Mr. and Mrs. Willits are earnest and active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is giving efficient service as treasurer and member of its official board.

On the 8th of October, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Willits to Miss Daisy M. Wolfe, a native of Cardington and a daughter of A. H. Wolfe. Mrs. Willits is a graduate of the Cardington High School, is deeply interested in musical and educational matters, is president of the Public Library Association, and is an energetic, broadly cultured woman whom it is a pleasure and an inspiration to meet. Of the three sons of the family, William H. is a graduate of the Cardington High School, class of 1911; Rodney W. is still pursuing his course in that institution; and Howard D. is a pupil in the public school.

HUBERT C. LONG.—Among the representative citizens of Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio, who have contributed in generous measure to the progress and development of this section of the fine old Buckeye state is Hubert C. Long, who is a native son of this city, where he was born on the 6th of November, 1868. He is a son of Thomas W. and Sarah (Wolfe) Long, the former of whom was a native of the state of New York, and the latter of whom claimed Maryland as the place of her birth. Thomas W. Long was reared in the Empire state of the Union, whence he immigrated to Cardington, Ohio, about the year 1865. He first engaged in the milling business and subsequently he and his grandfather purchased a harness store at Cardington, being succeeded in this line of enterprise by Hubert C. Long, the immediate subject of this review, and which he still continues. The father was a Democrat in his political convictions and he was an active factor in the local councils of his party. He was elected probate judge of Morrow county and gave most efficient service in this connection for a number of years. He was postmaster at Cardington for a term of four years and as a citizen his loyalty and public spirit were of the most insistent

order. In 1867 he married Miss Sarah Wolfe, who was a daughter of Henry Wolfe, of Cardington, Ohio, and they became the parents of two children, Hubert C., of this sketch; and Edith A., who became the wife of William Holden and who resides at Denver, Colorado. Mr. Long met death through injuries received from a bull at Mt. Gilead, in 1893, and his cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal in 1895.

Hubert C. Long was afforded the advantages of the public schools of Cardington. After leaving school he became deputy in the post office under his father and in 1889 he became identified with his father in the harness business, which was thereafter conducted under the firm name of T. W. Long & Son until the former's death. Prior to his demise Mr. Long had opened a branch store at Mt. Gilead but after his death Hubert C. moved the store to Cardington, combining the two. In politics Hubert C. Long is aligned as a stalwart in the ranks of the Democratic party. He has served as treasurer of Cardington on four different occasions and at the present time, in 1911, is serving as treasurer. He also served two terms as cemetery trustee. He is a stock holder in the Citizens' Bank at Cardington, besides which he owns and operates a saw mill and handle factory, manufacturing hay, rake and hoe handles. He also has extensive real estate holdings in and adjacent to Cardington. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, 194, and he is a charter member of Cardington Lodge, No. 427, Knights of Pythias. He also holds membership in Aerie 738, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church and they are popular factors in connection with the best social activities in their community.

In the year 1892 Mr. Long was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Tennant, who was born and reared at Edison, Ohio, and who is a daughter of Samuel Tennant, a representative citizen of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Long have one son, Samuel W., who was born on the 15th of May, 1902.

THOMAS F. GORDON, ex-sheriff of Morrow county, Ohio, and one of the progressive and up-to-date farmers and stock men of the county, was born in Perry county, this state, June 8, 1852, a son of one of the pioneer settlers of the Western Reserve.

Israel Gordon, his father, was a native of Greene county, Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in 1818. For a time he worked in the salt mills at McCuneville, Ohio. He subsequently owned four hundred acres of rich coal land, at the place where Shawnee, Ohio, now stands. When he was fifty-three years of age he sold the tract at a good price and moved to Morrow county, where he purchased eight hundred acres of farming land. His wife, Susan, was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, but was reared at Bristol in Perry county. They were the parents of eight children, six sons

and two daughters, namely: Margaret, Turner, Harriet, Andrew Jackson, George Washington, Thomas F., Robert Samuel, and C. W. C. W. Gordon left home twelve years ago, and his whereabouts are unknown.

Thomas F. Gordon is the owner of four hundred and thirty-one acres of productive land, one hundred acres in Chester and two hundred and forty-six acres in Harmony township, well improved with good fences and buildings, and his home is a commodious and attractive one. Mr. Gordon has for years taken a special interest in stock raising. He has the largest and best herd of Short Horn cattle in Morrow county, and it is a well known fact that wherever he has exhibited his stock at fairs he has never failed to capture premiums. Among his horses are two prize-winning stallions, and he is a large stockholder in the Chesterville Percheron Horse Company.

Politically Mr. Gordon has always been a prominent Republican, active and influential in party affairs, and has twice been elected and served as county sheriff, his first election being in 1892, the second in 1896.

Mr. Gordon married, November 4, 1896, Miss Anna M. Winters, daughter of Major Gilbert E. Winters, both a Mexican and Civil war veteran and a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. During the Civil war Major Winters held important commands, at one time being in command of Camp Denison, Cincinnati. He was one of the first law practitioners in Morrow county, and at Sycamore, Illinois, where he made his home for some years, he filled the office of prosecuting attorney. He was born in 1823 and died in 1867. Recently, in the summer of 1910, his son-in-law, Mr. Gordon, erected a monument to his memory. Mr. Gordon has no children, and his wife died September 1, 1907, and is buried in River Cliff cemetery, Mt. Gilead. She was a member of the Episcopal church and a most estimable woman, loved by all who knew her.

ADAM HILDEBRAND.—Engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising on his fine farm of ninety acres in Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio, Adam Hildebrand is recognized as one of the most successful farmers and stock men in this section of the state. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of December, 1863, and is a son of Henry and Lydia (Tyson) Hildebrand, the former of whom was likewise born in the old Keystone state of the Union and the latter of whom claimed York county, Pennsylvania, as the place of her birth. The paternal grandfather of him whose name introduces this review was Adam Hildebrand, who was an extensive farmer in Pennsylvania during his life time, his death having there occurred. Henry Hildebrand came to Morrow county, Ohio, in 1866, locating in Canaan township, where he continued to reside until 1876, when he was summoned to eternal rest. Mrs. Hildebrand is a resident of Morrow

county at the present time. They were the parents of nine children, eight of whom are now living, namely: George, Adam, Levi, Grant, Helen, Isabelle, Samuel and Emma. Peter is deceased and of those living, seven are residents of Morrow county.

Adam Hildebrand was a child of but three years of age at the time of his parents' removal from Pennsylvania to Ohio. He was reared in North Woodberry, Morrow county, until he had attained to the age of eleven years, at which time his father died. Since that time he has lived in Gilead and Canaan townships, this county, to whose district schools he is indebted for his early education. He continued to attend school until eighteen years of age and he then turned his attention to farming, in which line of enterprise he has continued to be engaged during the long intervening years to the present time. He devotes his time to diversified agriculture and the growing of high grade stock. In politics he is a stanch advocate of the principles set forth by the Prohibition party and his religious faith is in harmony with the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he and his wife are devout members of the church at Boundary, in which he is a steward. Both are active factors in Sunday school work and for a number of years Mr. Hildebrand was superintendent of that department.

In February, 1888, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Hildebrand to Miss Flora V. Ewers, who was born in Gilead township on the 10th of October, 1863, a daughter of Samuel and Emily (Coe) Ewers, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand have two children: S. Guy and Helen E. S. Guy Hildebrand was born on the 27th of October, 1889, and was graduated in the Mount Gilead high school as a member of the class of 1909. He taught school for one year after completing the prescribed course in the local high school and he is now, in 1911, a student in Delaware College. Helen E. was born on the 4th of May, 1894, and is a student in the Mount Gilead high school.

BENJAMIN C. SMITH.—Among the highly respected and representative citizens whose depth of character and strict adherence to principles excite the admiration of their contemporaries, Benjamin C. Smith is preeminent. For nearly half a century he was actively identified with agricultural and general mercantile interests in Morrow county, Ohio, and he is now living virtually retired at Sparta, this county. His efforts have been of such a nature that while promoting his individual success they have also advanced the general prosperity by increasing industrial and commercial activity. Captain Smith was born in Milford township, Knox county, on the 13th of December, 1840, and he is the son of Preserve Smith, whose birth occurred in the state of Connecticut about the year 1800. The father came to Ohio in 1828, locating in Knox county, where he reclaimed a fine farm of one hundred

and seventy acres from the virgin forest and where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life. In his native state was solemnized his marriage to Miss Amelia Knowles, and of their ten children three were born in Connecticut and seven in Knox county, Ohio. Half of the number survive at the present day and are as follows: George L., residing at Mt. Verron, Ohio; Sarah V., wife of Ira D. Hunt, of Columbus, Ohio; Emeline C., widow of J. R. Milligan, of Mt. Vernon; Charles G., of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; and Benjamin C., the immediate subject of this review.

Captain Benjamin C. Smith was reared and educated in Knox county, Ohio, and his early schooling consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the schools of the locality and period. He continued to reside at the parental home, where he assisted in the work and management of the farm, until the inception of the Civil war. On the 14th of October, 1861, fired by boyish enthusiasm, he enlisted as a member of Company A., Third West Virginia Cavalry, under Lieutenant S. B. Conger. At the time of his enlistment all the Ohio cavalries were filled, this fact accounting for his membership in a West Virginia regiment. He was mustered into service at Wheeling, West Virginia, and the first engagement in which he participated was at Cross Keys. He was assigned to General Freemont's body guard and the next important conflict in which he saw service of an active character was at the second battle of Bull Run. After the reorganization of the cavalry by Major General Hooker, Captain Smith was a member of that department of the United States army until the close of the war. His first military office was that of quartermaster sergeant, to which office he was appointed by the regimental commander, and in February, 1862, he was commissioned second lieutenant of his company and continued in that position for two years, at the expiration of which he was made first lieutenant. Late in 1864 he was promoted to the rank of captain of the company and as such figured prominently in many of the most important conflicts marking the progress of the war. During the battle of Gettysburg he was under the command of General Beauford and his regiment received the first fire, nine of his men being captured on the morning of the battle. The monument at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, known as the West Virginia Cavalry, was placed and dedicated under the direction of Captain Smith, about the year 1887. He was one of the officers under General Custer, of whom he was a personal friend, at the Grand Review, at Washington D. C., at the close of the war. During his lieutenantcy he was brigade quartermaster and at the close of the rebellion he was mustered out of service at Wheeling, West Virginia, on the 30th of June, 1865. After being assigned to the command of General Custer, he participated in all the leading battles of the Virginia campaign, never being wounded in battle and never being taken prisoner.

When peace had again been established, Captain Smith re-

turned to his old home in Knox county, where was solemnized his marriage on February 15, 1865. After that important event he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in his native county and subsequently he purchased a stock of merchandise at Brandon and continued to be identified with the mercantile business for a period of two years, at the expiration of which, in 1872, he removed to Millford township, Knox county, where he purchased a fine farm. He sold that eventually and returned to the old homestead, where he remained for three years and then at the end of that period took up his residence in Delaware City, where he was located for two years. He came to Sparta, Ohio, and retired from active business life.

Captain Smith's chosen lady was Miss Maria A. Mathias, of Delaware, Ohio. She was a daughter of John and Anne (Graham) Mathias, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, whence they came to the fine old Buckeye state of the Union in the early pioneer days. Captain and Mrs. Smith became the parents of four children, namely: Ida, born February 7, 1867, who is the wife of Sumner Pierce, a clerk in the post office at Mt. Vernon; Harry A., born August 3, 1868, is a merchant at Canton, Illinois; Jessie C., born February 13, 1870, is the wife of Hays Wilson, of Knox county, this state; and Ethel B., born July 23, 1876, is now Mrs. Pitt Struble, of Chesterville, Ohio. Mrs. Smith was summoned to the life eternal on the 17th of November, 1909. She was a woman of most gracious refinement and was ever a potent influence for good in the home.

In politics Captain Smith is non-partisan, giving his support to men and measures meeting with the approval of his judgment, regardless of party issues. He has been incumbent of various important township offices, in all of which he has acquitted himself most creditably. He is a very prominent lodge man in Ohio, being connected with the time-honored Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias of Sparta, Ohio, and the Grand Army of the Republic. In the Knights of Pythias he has been a representative in the grand lodge of the state and on the 18th of December, 1910, he was commissioned aide-de-camp of the Union Veteran Legion of Columbus. Captain Smith is a loyal and public-spirited citizen and he stands to-day among the self-made men of Morrow county, whose life histories awaken for them the admiration and respect of all who know them.

WALTER C. BENNETT, M. D.—Of all the professions that of medicine gives the widest scope for keen, scientific analysis, practical skill, sympathy and broad judgment of human nature. Physical and soul-ills are so mingled in the mortal temperament that it requires the deepest student, the keenest diplomat and the Christian, in the truest and broadest sense of the word, to determine a course of treatment, a method of conduct, which shall effect

an alleviation, to say nothing of a cure, of the sufferings which are brought to him by all sorts and conditions of men, women and children. The pioneer physician had his hardships of a rugged, wearing nature, which he met with the fortitude of the hero, but the more modern brother of the profession, in the more complex state of society, has as great difficulties with which to contend, far more varied and quite different in character. The human ills with which he has to deal are far more difficult of diagnosis than if living were more simple, and with the great strides made in medical and surgical methods, with the rapid progress which is of almost daily movement, the physician of to-day must also be a man of iron constitution to keep abreast of the complicated theory and practice of his profession. It is generally admitted by those who have given thought to the subject that the physician who has entered active professional work any time within the last quarter of the nineteenth century and earned and retained a high standing could have grandly succeeded in any other field calling for ability and true manhood.

Dr. Walter C. Bennett, of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, justly falls in this honored class of American citizens, and he has the additional distinction of having achieved prominence in judicial and civic life. Born in Cardington township, that county, September 16, 1853, he is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bovey) Bennett, his father being a sturdy Ohio farmer, than whom there are no better in the country. The son received his early education in the common schools near his home. Subsequently he pursued a course in the Cardington High School, and went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he completed his professional education in 1877, receiving his degree of M. D. in the latter year and locating for practice at Iberia. He thus continued for nearly twenty years, and in 1896 the general confidence with which he had inspired the community at large found official expression in his election to the office of probate judge. His personal popularity is strikingly evident in the fact that he is the only Democrat who ever served a second term in that position. For a time he was also a member of the United States Pension Board, an appointive position which he filled until he resigned on account of taking the office of probate judge.

Upon retiring from the probate judgeship, in 1903, Dr. Bennett resumed the practice of medicine and surgery at Mount Gilead, to which place he had moved to discharge his official duties. Since that year he has been alone identified with the profession which he loves and in which he is a leader, and his numerous patients are all his warm and admiring friends. His professional fraternalism connects him with the County, State and American Medical Societies; in the Masonic Order he has advanced to the Mystic Shrine, being a member of Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 206, F. and A. M., Mt. Gilead Chapter, R. A. M., Marion Council, No. 22, R. and

S. M., Morrow Commandery, No. 36, K. T. and Aladdin Temple of Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Bennett and his family reside in a comfortable home on West High street, in which centers not only a happy domestic circle but which is the nucleus of a widely-extended and elevating sociability. His wife, formerly Miss Belle Reed, is a daughter of William Reed and a matron of charming and strong character; a faithful Christian mother to eight children. The three married daughters are: Mary E., wife of Carl Beebe; Aura, widow of George Smiley; and Helen, who married C. Q. Carlisle, of Saginaw, Michigan. Those living at home are Margaret, Reed, Elizabeth and Edith, and four of the children—Aura, Helen, Edith and Elizabeth—graduated from the Mt. Gilead High School. The Doctor and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

JOHN W. EVANS.—The thriving, industrious and prosperous agriculturists of Morrow county have no more worthy representative than John W. Evans, who stands high among the business-like men who are so ably conducting the farming interests of Chester and Harmony townships. He comes of substantial Welsh stock, his parents, John and Mary (Jones) Evans, having emigrated from Wales to this country in 1840.

Taking up land in Harmony township, Morrow county, Ohio, John Evans devoted his energies to the clearing and improving of a homestead. Industrious and energetic, he made good progress in his pioneer labors, working with energy throughout each year. Misfortune, however, overtook him in early life, the falling of a large tree which he was cutting for fuel in his sugar camp injuring him so seriously as to cause his death, April 10, 1845. The accident was witnessed by his son, John W. Evans, who was then a mere lad. His widow, with her four children, survived him, there being two boys, John W. and Thomas, and two girls, Mary and Anna. Thomas died in 1848, aged three years.

John W. Evans, with his two sisters, was educated in the district schools of Harmony township, and as soon as old enough to work found employment, his wages amounting to a dollar a week, a sum which he proudly gave to his mother to assist in paying the family expenses. Both Mr. Evans and his sisters obtained an excellent knowledge of books, and became teachers in the public schools. Mr. Evans taught two terms in his home district, and likewise taught in Delaware county, and at Bethel, being eminently successful in his pedagogical labors. Among his pupils in Bethel was B. T. Jenkins, who was afterwards one of Morrow county's successful and popular educators, and Rilla Harris, who became distinguished throughout this part of the state as a preacher in the Methodist Episcopal denomination.

Many years ago, at the time of General Bragg's threatened invasion of Ohio, Mr. Evans went with the Ohio Volunteer Militia

to Cincinnati, the troops furnishing their own blankets and fire-arms. This military demonstration was known as the "squirrel hunt," obtaining its name on account of the brief time the squad was out and for the variety of guns carried by the men. Forty years later, in 1910, Mr. Evans received from the government of Ohio the sum of thirteen dollars for his service at that time, it being a soldier's regular monthly pay.

After his marriage Mr. Evans made his first purchase of land, buying sixty-four acres, which he managed to such good purpose that he subsequently added to his possessions, becoming an extensive landholder and a successful farmer. He has since sold at different times, at one sale disposing of seventy-five acres, and at another fifty acres, and finally selling a tract of twenty-five acres, his present farm containing one hundred and fifteen acres of rich and productive land.

Mr. Evans married, in 1868, Viola Marsh, of Delaware county, a daughter of Alexander and Catherine (Evans) Marsh, and into their household ten children have been born, namely: Ida May, deceased; Mary Catherine, deceased, was the wife of D. D. Ulrey; Stella P., wife of John West; Alexander married Delilah Mysel Herrod; John married Chloe James; Alfred married Maud Brown; Blanche, wife of Dayton Kirby; Nellie, wife of Charles Hoy Gardner; Olive, wife of John W. Bowen; and Cecil, who is unmarried, resides with his parents.

Politically Mr. Evans is an earnest adherent of the Democratic party. He is active in public affairs, and has filled various offices of responsibility and trust. He was assessor of Harmony township while residing there; has been assessor of Chester township three terms; for twelve years he was justice of the peace; he has also served as township trustee; and is at the present time a member of the township board of education. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Evans are valued members of the Chester Baptist church, of Chester township, in which he has served as deacon for many years.

The father and mother of Mr. Evans came from the little country of Wales in 1840, in a sailing vessel and landed in New York city, the voyage across the Atlantic ocean covering six weeks duration.

CHARLES A. RUHLEN, D. D. S., has been engaged in the work of dental surgery at Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, since 1900, and in the field of his chosen profession he is a skilled and scientific worker. He is one of the most prominent Masons and Pythian Knights in this section of the Buckeye state and in the Republican party is chairman of the county executive committee in 1911. Dr. Charles A. Ruhlen was born in Union county, Ohio, on the 2nd of August, 1877, and is a son of Samuel H. and Susan (Dort) Ruhlen, both of whom are living in retirement on their splendid farm in Madison county, this state. The father was a

gallant soldier in the Civil war, having served for four years in that sanguinary struggle—four months in the Ohio volunteer infantry and the remainder of the time in the Ohio cavalry. After the close of the war he engaged in agricultural pursuits in Madison county, Ohio, and there is recognized as a most successful and public-spirited citizen.

In the public schools of his native place Dr. Ruhlen received his early educational discipline, which he later supplemented with a course in the New California High School, in which he was graduated in 1895. Thereafter he worked on his father's farm for some two years, at the expiration of which, in 1897, he was matriculated in the Ohio Medical University, at Columbus, Ohio, that institution being now a part of the Sterling, Ohio, Medical College, in the dental department of which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1900, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Immediately after his graduation, in the spring of 1900, he located at Mount Gilead, where he has built up a large and lucrative patronage and gained distinctive prestige as one of the leading dentists in Morrow county.

On the 24th of December, 1902, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Ruhlen to Miss Ethel Iden, of Caledonia, Ohio. To this union have been born two children—Ruth, whose birth occurred on the 23rd of August, 1903; and Roscoe, born September 17, 1910. Dr. and Mrs. Ruhlen are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is one of the officers and a teacher in the Sunday school. Both are popular factors in the best social circles of Mount Gilead and their attractive home is recognized as a center of refinement and most gracious hospitality.

Fraternally Dr. Ruhlen is affiliated with Charles Hull Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor and past representative in the Grand Lodge of the state. He is also connected with Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons; Gilead Chapter, No. 59, Royal Arch Masons; Marion Council, No. 22, Royal and Select Masters; and Marion Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templars. He and his wife are valued and appreciative members of the adjunct Masonic organization, the Order of the Eastern Star. In the Modern Woodmen of America Dr. Ruhlen holds membership in Camp No. 3575, and in the sons of Veterans he is a member of Lemmel H. Breese Camp No. 64. Politically he has ever been aligned as a staunch supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and at the present time he is chairman of the county executive committee. As a citizen Dr. Ruhlen has ever adhered strictly to the highest principles of honesty and integrity and in all measures advanced for the general welfare he has taken a prominent part. He is a man of high ideals and fair and honorable business methods and no citizen in the town commands a higher degree of popular confidence and esteem than does he.

FLORENCE R. WHITE, M. D.—To few women has it been given to achieve such noteworthy success as that gained by Dr. Florence R. White, who is engaged in the active practice of her profession at Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio. For nearly a quarter of a century she has been identified with the medical profession and the years have told the story of a successful career due to the possession of innate talent and acquired ability along the line of one of the most important professions to which one may devote his energies—the alleviation of pain and suffering and the restoration of health, which is man's most cherished and priceless possession. This is an age of progress in all lines of achievement and Dr. White has kept abreast of the advancement that has revolutionized methods of medical practice, rendering the efforts of physicians of much more avail in warding off the inroads of disease than they were even at the time when she entered upon her professional career.

Dr. Florence R. (Smith) White was born in Marion county, Ohio, on the 17th of November, 1861, and is a daughter of Seneca A. and Nancy E. (West) Smith, both of whom were likewise born in the fine old Buckeye state, the former at Westfield, Marion county, and the latter at West Rushville, Fairfield county. Mr. Smith was born on the 5th of October, 1836, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and the date of Mrs. Smith's birth was October 13, 1839, her ancestors being of English extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married on the 10th of October, 1858, and began housekeeping in a log cabin which he had prepared on sixty acres of heavily wooded land in Marion county. There they continued to reside until 1876, when Mr. Smith disposed of his farm and removed to Westfield township, Morrow county, where he resided for one year, at the expiration of which he established his home in Lincoln township, this county, in order to obtain better educational advantages for his children. There they have resided during the long intervening years and they became the parents of seven children four sons and three daughters, concerning whom the following brief record is here incorporated: Claremont R. is a master mechanic and resides in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana; Dr. White, of this review, is the next in order of birth; Charles W. is a farmer and dairyman in Whatecom county, Washington; James S. is engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old home farm; Daisy A., who is unmarried, is a seamstress at Laramie, Wyoming; Arthur A. is a resident of American Falls, Idaho, where he is a member of the Fall Creek Sheep Company; and Imogene A. is a nurse and maintains her home at Los Angeles, California. She was graduated from the Lakeside Hospital Training School for Nurses at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1896.

Dr. Florence White received an excellent common school education in her early youth and after attending the high school at Cardington she taught school for one term in Morrow county,



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Residence of Mrs. and Mrs. S.A. Smith



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Ohio. In 1881 she began reading medicine under the able preceptorship of Dr. M. M. Sheble, at Ashley, Ohio, and one year later she was matriculated in the Cleveland Homoeopathic Hospital College of Medicine, at Cleveland, Ohio, in which excellent institution she was graduated as a member of the class of 1884, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. One month after her graduation she entered upon the active practice of her profession at Cardington and here she has built up a large and representative patronage, soon gaining recognition as an able and alert physician. In 1891 she journeyed to Europe, where she pursued post-graduate work in Germany and Austria. Since her return her success has been of most unequivocal order and she holds a high place in the confidence and esteem of her fellow citizens as a woman of refinement and ability. In connection with her work she is a valued and appreciative member of the American Institute of Homoeopathy and the Ohio Homeopathic Medical Society, and she is a stockholder in the Ohio Sanitarium Company at Marion Ohio. She has served as a member of the board of education for a number of years and she manifests a deep and abiding interest in all matters tending to advance the general welfare of the community. She has some valuable real estate holdings in Cardington and the same are highly improved. Her religious faith is in harmony with the tenets of the Protestant Episcopal church and she is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

On the 1st of May, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. White to Theodorice S. White, a native son of Cardington, Ohio, the date of his birth being October 3, 1854. He was a prominent lawyer in Morrow county during his life time and gave efficient service as prosecuting attorney of the county for a number of years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a Mason of high standing. In his political convictions he was ever a stalwart Republican and he was active in the local councils of the party. He was summoned to the life eternal on the 5th of April, 1905, and his death was a cause for deep grief to his fellow citizens. He lived a life of usefulness such as few men know. God-fearing, law-abiding, progressive, his life was as truly that of a Christian gentleman as any man's can well be. Unwaveringly he did the right as he interpreted it and he ever held a high place in the regard of his fellow men. Mr. and Mrs. White had no children.

Dr. Florence White, is a cultured lady and her library comprises about one thousand volumes of medical and choice standard literature. Her surgical department is complete as to instruments and operating chair, and she has her own laboratory of medicines, fresh, and of the latest compounds.

LAWRENCE A. BARRY, a teacher of the Black Bird School, Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio, is one of the promising

young men of the township in which he lives, and belongs to one of its highly respected families. He was born in Union county, Ohio, September 5, 1886, a son of E. E. and Emily J. Barry, and grandson of Y. P. and Hannah Barry, all farmers. His grandparents lived to ripe old age, and died in the same year, 1902.

E. E. Barry was born near Cardington, Ohio, August 28, 1851. Until he was twenty-one years of age he worked on his father's farm. Then he bought forty acres of land near Cardington, where he lived eight years, after which he sold out and moved to Union county and settled on a farm two miles from Marysville. After five years spent in Union county he went to Van Wert county, this state, which was his home for six years. In 1892 he moved over into Indiana and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Martin county, where the family home was maintained until 1898. Then they came back to Ohio, and for a year and a half lived within Morrow county with Mrs. Long, Mrs. Barry's mother, after which he bought a farm in Harmony township. His first purchase there was fifty-two and a half acres, to which in 1904 he added by an additional purchase of forty-two and a half acres, making a tract of ninety-five acres, where he and his family have since resided.

In August, 1880, E. E. Barry and Emily J. Long, daughter of John Long, were united in marriage, and the children born of this union are as follows: Della Berringer, Marion, Ohio; Lillie Earl, Cardington; John, Rochester, New York; Lawrence A., whose name introduces this sketch; Hannah, Columbus, Ohio; and Hazel and Lottie, at home. Mrs. Barry was born March 30, 1856.

Lawrence A. Barry is a graduate of the Cardington High School, received a certificate to teach in 1909, and is now teaching his second school.

WALTER H. RAMEY.—Among the able representatives of the great basic art of agriculture in Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio, is Walter H. Ramey, who has figured prominently in public affairs in this township and who owns some valuable real estate in Mount Gilead. He was born in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 6th of August, 1862, a son of John W. and Catherine (Kile) Ramey, the former of whom was born near Jersey, Licking county, Ohio, and the latter of whom claims South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, as the place of her birth. Mr. Ramey's grandparents, Peter Kile and wife, were among the first settlers of South Bloomfield township, locating when the Indians were natives and their first home was a log house. He was a carpenter by trade and erected the first house in Fredericktown. The Kiles entered the land from the government and the deed is yet held in the family. John W. Ramey was born on the 25th of February, 1827, and his wife on the 12th of February, 1832. Their marriage was solemnized on the 15th of August, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Ramey commenced housekeeping at Mount Liberty,

Knox county, Ohio, where he worked at his trade, that of a shoemaker. In 1852 they removed to Clark street, now South Bloomfield, where he was identified with the work of his trade until 1859, in which year he purchased a farm in the vicinity of the village of South Bloomfield, where they continued to reside until the 1st of September, 1882. In that year he bought a farm located one and a half miles northwest of Mount Gilead, where he has continued to maintain his home during the long intervening years to the present time. He began life with practically nothing except persistency of purpose and a determination to succeed and to-day he is worth no less than fifty thousand dollars, all of which he accumulated through personal labor and thrift. Mrs. Ramey is still living and has now attained to the venerable age of seventy-eight years, while her husband is eighty-three years of age. They became the parents of two children: Charley W., who is engaged in farming in Marion county, Ohio, and Walter H., the immediate subject of this review.

Walter H. Ramey received his preliminary educational training in the common schools of his native township and in the graded schools of Sparta, Ohio. Later he supplemented this discipline by a course of study in the Northern Indiana Normal University at Valparaiso, Indiana, and after leaving that institution he was engaged in teaching school for a period of two years. Thereafter he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits in this county, where he devotes his attention to diversified agriculture and the raising of high grade stock. In politics he accords a stalwart allegiance to the principles and policies of the Republican party, in the local councils of which he has taken a most active part. He has been township assessor of Gilead township on three different occasions and has served as assistant surveyor of Morrow county for some four years. He has considerable property in Mount Gilead and in all his financial ventures has met with the most gratifying success. Mr. Ramey is a man of influence in Morrow county, where his business ability and genial kindliness of disposition have gained him the high regard of his fellow men.

On the 22nd of September, 1885, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ramey to Miss Kate Wieland, who was born at Mount Gilead on the 24th of May, 1863, a daughter of George and Mary Wieland. She was graduated in the Mount Gilead high school as a member of the class of 1882 and prior to her marriage was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Morrow county for three years. To this union have been born five children: Wesley Merle, born on the 29th of July, 1886; Edith G., born on the 14th of March, 1888, and for three years a successful teacher in Morrow county, was summoned to the life eternal on the 31st of October, 1910; Helen Josie, born November 20, 1889, is a trained nurse at Columbus, Ohio; Hazel D., born April 18, 1893, was graduated in the Mount Gilead high school at the age of fifteen years; and Catherine Ruth, born May

5, 1895, died on the 25th of December, 1895. On May 11, 1891, Mrs. Ramey also passed away. She was a valued member of the Universalist church at Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

ALEXANDER PEARL, distinguished as one of the oldest native-born citizens of Bloomfield township, Morrow county, is an honored representative of the brave and courageous men who boldly pushed their way to the western frontier in the early part of the last century, and by sturdy pioneer labor established homes for themselves and their descendants in this vicinity. Since the days of his boyhood wonderful changes in the face of the country have been wrought, and in the development of its varied resources he has taken an active part, at the same time accumulating for himself a competency. He was born January 6, 1837, in Morrow county, his birth occurring in Bloomfield township.

His father, William Pearl, was born, bred and educated in Maryland. After his marriage with Nancy Doty, a Maryland girl, he came with his bride to Morrow county, Ohio, locating in Bloomfield township, not far from Chesterville township, where members of the Doty family were then well established. The long trip was made with ox teams, the way being marked in many places only by blazed trees. Taking up sixty-three acres of timbered land, he cleared and improved a good farm, and a few years later erected the first frame house in the township. On that homestead his ten children were born and reared, eight sons and two daughters completing their household, as follows: Peter, Alexander, the special subject of this brief sketch; Jackson, deceased; William, Jim, Isaac, deceased, Oliver, George, Jane, and Ellen. William Pearl was a zealous supporter of the principles of the Democratic party and a prominent member of the Christian church.

In common with the sons of the neighboring farmers, Alexander Pearl obtained his early education in the district schools, attending the long winter terms, but assisting on the farm during seed time and harvest. Beginning life for himself at the age of twenty-one years, his first important step was to take unto himself a wife. He then embarked in agricultural pursuits, and by means of untiring industry, combined with skill and practical judgment, found himself, ere many years, proprietor of a highly-improved and productive homestead of eighty-three acres, with a good set of farm buildings. In his political relations Mr. Pearl is a sound Democrat, and has served as trustee of Chesterville township. Religiously he is an active member of the Advent church at Sparta.

Mr. Pearl married, in 1858, Lovinia Dupy, who was born in Bloomfield township, Morrow county, on a farm on which her parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Denina) Dupy, located on coming to Ohio from the Empire state. Of this union five children were born, namely: James, deceased; Joseph; Malinda; Alfaretta; and Kelley, deceased. Since the death of Mrs. Pearl, which occurred

in 1905, Mr. Pearl has resided with his son Joseph, who was born June 4, 1875, and is now actively and prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits. His daughter, Malinda Pearl, born February 25, 1880, also makes her home with her brother Joseph.

VICTOR E. BROWN, who figures as one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio, was born in the township in which he now lives October 20, 1869, a son of Edmund W. and Lurana Brown. When he was five years old the family home was moved to Knox county, Ohio, where he was reared and received his early education. Later he attended school elsewhere, including Bryant & Strattan's Business College at Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he graduated when he was twenty. Then for a time he was employed as bookkeeper. Duty called him from the office back to the farm, and he took charge of the property consisting of three hundred and sixty acres in Franklin township, Morrow county, and one hundred and seventy-seven acres in Knox county, which was in jeopardy from designing relatives. The farm in Knox county is jointly owned by him and his sister, Lillie Hill, his step-mother having a life interest in it. The Levering farm has been the cause of litigation, the widow claiming the right to dispose of it and the step-son finding it necessary to bring suit in order to defend his title to it. Thus far Mr. Brown has been successful in his legal proceedings. The case is now pending in the supreme court. Mr. Brown's father died at the age of sixty-eight years; his mother, at the age of forty-five.

As a farmer and stock raiser, Mr. Brown has proved himself a success. He keeps high grade stock, among which are registered jersey cattle, and he takes a pride in keeping his premises in first class condition. Like many of the up-to-date farmers of today he has an automobile, and thereby to a certain extent eliminates distances and makes farm life far different from what it was a few years ago.

On August 11, 1892, Victor E. Brown and Sadie McConnell were united in marriage. Mrs. Brown, also a native of Ohio, was born at Berlin, in Holmes county, November 27, 1870, a daughter of John Smith McConnell and wife, Elizabeth, nee Stucky. Mr. McConnell when six years of age accompanied his mother and sister on their removal from Washington county, Pennsylvania, to Knox county, Ohio, where he was reared and where he still owns a fine farm. He is now eighty years of age and lives at Fredericktown. In the early days he was a well known stock dealer, buying and driving large herds of cattle across the country to the eastern markets. At one time, it is recorded, he and his large herd came in contact with General Lee's army near Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. By making a long detour, however, he proceeded and delivered his herd in safety at its destination. He and his wife met and were married at Bedford Pennsylvania. Mrs. Brown was reared and

educated at Fredericktown and is a graduate of the schools of that place. Her elder brother, Samuel, has a large ranch in Custer county, Nebraska, and her brother William is an attorney at law in Buffalo, New York, while her only sister, Elizabeth, is a high school teacher in Seattle, Washington. Their mother departed this life in 1887, at the age of forty-five years, and is interred in Fredericktown Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children: Lurana June, born June 23, 1893, and Edmund McConnell, born September 7, 1895, both students in the Fredericktown High School.

Mr. Brown has filled various local offices, including those of township trustee and member of the school board, having served five years as treasurer of the board.

THADDEUS E. BUCK.—For fully a decade Thaddeus E. Buck served as county surveyor of Morrow county, and during that period his efficiency and fidelity as a public official and patriotic citizen won him a high place in popular confidence and esteem. Mr. Buck is a civil engineer by profession, as was his father before him, and he is a man whose progressive ideas and actions have done much to advance the general welfare of the community in which he resides. He was born in Lincoln township, this county, on the 18th of April, 1865, and is a son of John Theodore and Martha A. (Nichols) Buck, the former of whom is deceased and the latter, residing with her son at Mount Gilead. Concerning the business career and ancestry of the father, the following brief data are taken from an article published at the time of his death, and whose phraseology is substantially retained.

“John Theodore Buck, son of Edmund and Anna (Hubbell) Buck, was born May 24, 1832, in Lincoln township, Delaware (now Morrow) county, Ohio, and died at Mount Gilead, November 24, 1907, aged seventy-five years and six months. His father, Edmund Buck, who was a native of Connecticut, came to Peru township in 1813, and after his marriage settled (1817) on the farm where John T. Buck always lived until a month prior to his demise. The ancestry on the father's side is traced back to Emanuel Buck, who emigrated from England to America in 1647, locating in Wethersfield, Connecticut. His mother, Anna Hubbell Buck, was a native of New York and a descendant of Richard Hubbell, who also came from England to this country about 1647 and settled in Connecticut. John Theodore Buck spent his early life working upon the farm and his education was received in the district schools, Mount Hesper Seminary and the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, in which latter institution he gave special attention to the subject of civil engineering. He taught school during the winters of 1854, 1855 and 1862. In 1857 he was appointed deputy county surveyor of Morrow county under Thomas Sharp, and he served in that capacity until 1859, when he was elected to the office of county surveyor on the Republican ticket.



Thaddeus Buck

His ability for serving the people as surveyor was shown by the fact that he was six times elected to that office, his tenure covering a period of twenty years. He was engaged in the work of his chosen profession for nearly fifty years. He was a member of the Ohio Society of Surveyors and Civil Engineers, of which he was president for a time, and he served the county as notary public from the year 1870 until his death. In 1863 he was commissioned first lieutenant of the Ohio Militia and was subsequently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel of the First Regiment. He was a member of Cardington Lodge, No. 59, Royal Arch Masons, and Marion Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templars.

"On the 19th of November, 1863, Mr. Buck was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Nichols, a daughter of Washington and Mary (James) Nichols. To this union five children have been born, four of whom are living: Thaddeus E., the immediate subject of this review; Arthur H., a physician of Delaware; Annie M., who died in 1871; Katherine M. Bartlett, who resides at Ashley, Ohio; and Ralph W., a professor of chemistry in the schools of Dayton, Ohio.

"Mr. Buck was a man of great moral worth and integrity of character. He was strictly temperate in his habits and generous to all. He was always interested in the general welfare of the community in which he lived and he ever did all in his power for its promotion. He believed in the future, stated that he had nothing to fear and died peacefully and without a struggle. He is survived by a sister, wife, three sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends who mourn his departure."

Martha A. (Nichols) Buck, mother of him to whom this article is dedicated, was born in Morrow county on the 5th of July, 1844, a daughter of Washington and Mary (James) Nichols. She was reared and educated in this county and in her girlhood was a student at Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio. Her ancestry was of English extraction. She is a devout member of the Baptist church at Mount Gilead and is connected with the Women's Christian Temperance Union, in which she is an ardent worker. She is a woman of most gracious sincerity and kindness and is deeply beloved by all who have come within the sphere of her gentle influence.

Thaddeus Eugene Buck, of this sketch, was reared to maturity on the home farm in Lincoln township, and after completing the curriculum of the district schools he attended and was graduated from the Cardington High School as a member of the class of 1883. Three years later he entered the Ohio State University, in which he pursued a special course in Civil engineering. He is a self-made man in the most significant sense of the word, having nobly overcome many obstacles which seriously beset his pathway. He was a most devoted son during his father's extended illness and since the latter's death has been most attentive to the wants of

his mother. In early life he was a popular and successful teacher in Morrow county, teaching altogether some fourteen terms. In politics he is a true-blue Republican and cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison. He has been selected as a delegate to the county Republican conventions and has been of material service to the cause of his party in different ways.

Mr. Buck has devoted most of his attention to his work as a civil engineer. From earliest youth, when he used to accompany his father on his surveying trips, he has been deeply interested in engineering. When the office of surveyor of Morrow county was vacated by the sudden death of O. L. R. French in April, 1896, Mr. Buck was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the deceased. In the following November he was elected to the office for the regular term, receiving the largest majority of any successful candidate on the county ticket. He was elected as his own successor to that office in 1899, and again in 1902, each time leading his ticket in the majority by which he was chosen. Altogether, he served ten and a half years as county surveyor, and at the close of this long and honorable tenure of office he was appointed deputy under David Underwood, which position he still holds. In 1899 Mr. Buck secured the contract for making the decennial maps for the land appraisers, and in 1901 published a complete atlas of Morrow county, which was well mapped and edited and received a ready sale from an appreciative public. In 1909-10 he assisted in remapping the county for the land appraisers. In connection with his duties as county surveyor he made a survey of a proposed electric railroad from Marion through Mount Gilead to Mount Vernon. He has made surveys in adjoining counties and has been called upon to design and superintend the construction of bridges, plat cemeteries and lay out and build streets, sewers and pike roads, etc. At the present time he holds the appointment of resident engineer for the building of pike roads under the State Highway department. He has in his possession all the private field notes of his father, representing the accumulated labors of nearly fifty years, and he has in his private keeping one of the most complete collections of land titles in the county. In all of his individual work he has been eminently successful, the same being due to perseverance and close application to even the minutest detail or the matter in hand. Further, he is a man of good business ability, broad information and kindly human sympathy, and therefore holds a high place in the friendship and esteem of his fellows.

Fraternally Mr. Buck is a member of Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, at Mount Gilead; Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 169, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Sunnyside Rebekah Lodge, No. 352, same order and place. His mother is also affiliated with the last named organization. Mr. Buck is an active member of the Ohio Engineering Society. His religious faith connects him with the Baptist church, having joined the

society at Fulton when it was organized, in the spring of 1888. For several years he was clerk of the church at that place, as well as superintendent of the Sunday school, but when he moved to Mount Gilead he transferred his membership to the First Baptist church of that village and soon afterward was chosen a member of its board of trustees for a period of five years. In his youth Mr. Buck was carefully trained by a good mother, and he has never departed from the paths of his early teaching, his exemplary life being a fine example, lesson and incentive.

In 1897 Mr. Buck purchased the farm upon which the grandfather settled and upon which his father, as well as himself was born. He takes much pride in keeping it in good condition and hopes to make it a model farm. Mr. Buck always made this his home until after his marriage, moving to Mount Gilead, his present residence, in the spring of 1906.

On the 28th of June, 1905, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Buck to Miss Ida A. Gordon, who was a daughter of H. Elmer and Elizabeth Gordon and who was born in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, on the 7th of December, 1876. She was a great-granddaughter of William Gaylord Gordon, who was born in Manchester, England, September 17, 1772, and who came to America in 1805. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and his death occurred on the 2nd of June, 1882, at the patriarchal age of one hundred and nine years, eight months and fifteen days. Mrs. Buck's early schooling was obtained at Center Corners and subsequently she attended the Chesterville schools. For five years prior to her marriage she was engaged in teaching school, in which line of work she was eminently successful. She possessed a wonderfully sweet disposition and her inherent kindness of spirit won her many warm and devoted friends, who deeply mourned her death, September 25, 1907. Concerning her the following extract is here reproduced, from an article dedicated to her memory shortly after her decease.

"She was a loving and dutiful wife, and tried in every way to make a happy home for her husband. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge at Chesterville, Ohio. At the age of eighteen years she joined the Methodist Episcopal church at Salem, Knox county, of which she was a consistent member, and she lived and trusted in the faith of a future life. To know her was to love and admire her womanly traits of character. She had a smile and a kind word for everyone, as is suggested by a favorite quotation of hers, which is as follows:

" 'The inner half of every cloud
Has a bright and silver lining;
I therefore turn my clouds about
And always wear them inside out
To show their pretty lining.' "

“In commenting on the above quotation, she said: ‘I think it is our duty to be as cheerful as we can, and always look on the silvery side of the cloud. I try to make my friends happy and the world better for having lived in it.’ She told her husband a short time before her death that if she should not live it would be all right, for it would be only a while until they should meet again. The funeral was held at her residence in Mount Gilead and her remains are interred at River Cliff. She leaves a husband, mother, father, two brothers and a host of friends and relatives who deeply mourn her seemingly untimely departure.”

THOMAS J. ROOD.—The prosperity which this great American commonwealth enjoys is due largely to the industry, thrift and progressive spirit of its people. Among the foremost families of Morrow county and its vicinity it is a matter of the greatest pleasure to record the name of Rood. He whose name initiates this reeview has gained recognition as one of the substantial agriculturists and stockmen of the region of Fredericktown, Ohio. By his labors, his earnest cooperation in all matters projected for the general welfare and his sterling integrity and worth he has succeeded in winning a high place for himself in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

Thomas J. Rood was born on a farm near Fredericktown, Ohio, on the 24th of August, 1876, and he is a son of Madison and Sarah A. (Wertz) Rood, both of whom were born and reared in the fine old Buckeye state of the Union. Madison Rood was born on the 31st of July, 1819, near Fredericktown, of parents whom were natives of Pennsylvania. As a young man he settled on the land that now comprises the old Rood homestead and associated with him in the early pioneer days were his two brothers, Harrison and Samuel, and a sister, Cynthia.. At that time this section of Ohio was practically all virgin forest but the young men industriously set to work to make a clearing on which to erect a somewhat crude log cabin. Forming a partnership, they purchased a tract of one hundred acres of wild land, paying for it with their wages of fifty cents per day. Sister Cynthia kept house for her brothers while they worked energetically early and late, away from home during the day time and clearing off their land at night. In those early days there were but few bridges across the swift, cold streams, and frequently on their way to work the Rood Brothers were obliged to remove their shoes and wade barefooted through the icy water. The hardships they endured and the energy manifested to redeem from the wilds a home for themselves were truly surprising.

After a number of years passed together the brothers dissolved partnership, Harrison taking the land which had been newly purchased, the same being now owned by Joe Wilson, while Madison and Samuel remained at the old homestead. Later in life

life Harrison drove back into the old neighborhood to visit his daughter, Mrs. Duane Swetland, to whose home had come the first heir. On his return he was stricken with paralysis and in passing the old home his faithful horse turned into the familiar road, going up to the door with his unconscious master in the buggy. He died almost immediately and was buried from the old home then occupied by Madison Rood and his family. Madison Rood married Miss Sarah A. Wertz, a daughter of George and Amanda Wertz and a native of Ohio, her birth having occurred on the 25th of December, 1838. Mrs. Rood proved a most worthy and efficient helpmeet to her honored husband; she was industrious and practical, working out-of-doors as well as within and frequently assisting her husband in burning log heaps until the hour of midnight. Madison Rood was a very powerful man, and as proof of his endurance it is said that he once chopped into slabs in one day, seven cords of wood for a neighbor, Iden V. Ball. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rood, Noah came into the world on the 1st of May, 1861; Amanda was born on the 22nd of June, 1869; and Thomas J., on the 24th of August, 1876. Noah married Miss Alice N. Melick on the 22nd of November, 1882. She is a daughter of Noah and Margaret Melick, and she and her husband are the fond parents of four daughters: Virginia, Sarah, Forest and Tinsel. Amanda became the wife of William Shineberry on the 25th of September, 1885, and she was called to eternal rest on the 22nd of February, 1908.

Thomas J. Rood was reared to the invigorating influences of the old homestead farm, in the work and management of which he early began to assist his father. He received his preliminary educational training in the neighboring country schools and after attaining to years of maturity began to work the old home farm on his own responsibility. He was married, on the 12th of January, 1895, to Miss Lecta G. Pipes, the only daughter of Morgan and Ella Pipes. Mrs. Thomas J. Rood attended school in this vicinity and one of her old instructors was Uteridge Cole, now a practicing physician at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Pipes have no children of their own except Mrs. T. J. Rood, but they have one foster son, Ray Horn, whom they took in infancy and raised to manhood.

The industry of Madison Rood and his wife was rewarded with a fine property. From time to time they added to their original estate until eventually they owned some six hundred and seventy-eight acres of fine farming and stock land. When the sons married they settled down on the old homestead, Noah building a fine residence for himself and Thomas J. occupying a part of his father's large house. With the passage of time failing health necessitated the parents giving up the farm duties and, consigning the management of the estate to the sons, they moved to Sparta. They resided in that place for a period of eight years, during which time their children supplied them with every possible comfort

and relieved them of every care. Samuel and Cynthia lived with Madison Rood and his wife at Sparta until their respective deaths and Madison himself died there on the 10th of February, 1908. Mrs. Rood survived her honored and cherished husband for about one year, her demise having occurred at the old homestead, whither she had gone after the death of her life companion, on the 22nd February, 1909. By reason of their intense energy and unflinching courage they made of success not an accident but a logical result and they were everywhere honored and respected by their fellow citizens.

The sons industriously taking up the lines of work laid down by their parents, their fine buildings and well tilled fields give ample proof of their practical business ability and energy as up-to-date farmers. Thomas J. Rood's farm comprises three hundred and twenty-five acres of splendid land upon which he recently erected a new barn, fifty-two by seventy feet in lateral dimensions. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Rood have one son and one daughter, Dell and Marie, both of whom are enrolled as pupils in the Washington district school. In his political convictions Mr. Rood was formerly a staunch advocate of the principles and policies promulgated by the Democratic party, but of recent years he has maintained an independent attitude, preferring to give his support to men and measures meeting with the full approval of his judgment rather than follow along strictly partisan lines. He firmly believes that the man who will do the best for his constituency is the man worthy of his support and exercises his right of franchise accordingly. In their religious affiliations Mr. and Mrs. Rood attend the Hedding Chapel Methodist Episcopal church, to whose charities they are most liberal contributors and of which Mrs. Rood is a devout member. Throughout the entire community in which they reside the Rood family are accorded the unqualified confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens and it may be said truly that the list of their friends is coincident with that of their acquaintances.

GEORGE L. CLARK is a representative of the Logan Gas Company of Mount Gilead, Ohio, and as such maintains his business headquarters at Mount Gilead, where he has resided since 1902. His financial interests in this section of the fine old Buckeye state are of varied order and he is prominent in Ohio Masonry. Mr. Clark was born at Warren, Pennsylvania, on the 29th of April, 1859, and is a son of James and Mary E. (Stevens) Clark, both of whom are still living.

The father, James Clark, a prominent lumberman and a leading citizen of Warren, Pennsylvania, was born in Scotland December 23, 1831, and is a son of James and Jane McPherson Clark, and a grandson of William Clark. James Clark, grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, was born in Scot-

land in 1800. His early life was devoted to lumbering and farming. He came to America in 1846 and settled in Glade township, Warren county, Pennsylvania, on a farm now occupied by his son Alexander Clark. Upon locating in this county Mr. Clark devoted his entire time to farming, the vast tracts of available territory proving highly tempting. He was married in Scotland to Jane McPherson, a native of that country, and they became the parents of six children, one daughter and five sons, named Isabella Kitchen, deceased; James, father of George L.; John, now a resident of Warren, Pennsylvania; Alexander, who lives on the old farm in Glade township, Warren county; Lewis, who died in 1878; and William, who died in 1874. The mother of this family died in 1880 and her devoted husband followed her to the other shore in 1883, aged eighty-three years. They were faithful members of the Presbyterian church.

James Clark received his early mental training in the schools of his native country and came with his parents to the United States in the year 1846. At the age of eighteen he took up the trade of a millwright and followed the vocation for a few years, but gradually was drawn toward lumbering pursuits. He built the Warren Saw and Planing Mills, located on the large island, in the year 1864, and operated them until 1892, when he sold out to Newmaker and Reed. In 1881 the mills were destroyed by fire, but Mr. Clark was not to be undone by the fire fiend and before the smoking ruins had cooled he had plans prepared for new mills, which he erected and had in operation within the year. He enjoyed great success, the mills being one of Warren's most important industries while under the Clark management, and it continued as a flourishing enterprise under the new firm.

In 1858 Mr. Clark wedded Mary E. Stevens, daughter of S. G. Stevens, of Warren, Pennsylvania, and their union has been blessed by the birth of eight children, equally divided as to sons and daughters and as follows in name: George L., Jessie I., Lucy A., Edward A., Frederiek C., Annie M., Archie J., and Ethel E. The eldest son, George L., is the subject of this review; Jessie I. married W. R. Johnson, of Falconer, New York, and has one son, R. C., Lucy A., is the wife of J. W. Richards and resides in Warren, Pennsylvania; Edward A. married Addie Horigan, daughter of Thomas Horigan, and they also reside in Warren, their only son being named James A.; Fred C. and Annie M. are at home; Archie J. married Maud Graham, daughter of Jesse Graham, of Warren, and they are the parents of one son, Byron G.; Ethel E. is the wife of Carl T. Campbell, a resident of Sisterville, West Virginia, and the mother of a son, James T.

James Clark is a valued and progressive citizen and ever first and foremost in any enterprise calculated to promote the welfare of his adopted town. He has been a director of the Warren Savings Bank since its organization and the only one now living of its

first directors. He has also served on its discount committee continuously since the organization of the bank and he is vice president of the Warren and Chautauqua Gas Company and one of its board of directors.

George L. Clark was reared and educated in the town of Warren, Pennsylvania, to whose graded schools he is indebted for his preliminary training. At the age of seventeen years he became interested in the gas and oil business and continued to be identified with it until 1882, was then in the lumber business until 1892, when he assumed the position of superintendent of the lines and towns of the Warren-Chautauqua Gas Company, at Warren, Pennsylvania, being thus engaged for some seven years and nine months. He has been in the employ of the Logan Gas Company since June 23, 1902. He was with that concern at Warren, Pennsylvania, for a period of seven years and nine months and for the past eight years has been agent for the Logan Gas Company at Mount Gilead. He holds considerable stock in the gas company and is the owner of fine residence property in Mount Gilead. In politics he accords an uncompromising allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and though he has never manifested aught of desire for the honors or emoluments of political office he is ever ready to do all in his power to advance the general good of the community. Fraternally he is affiliated with Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons, and for three years was its high priest; Gilead Chapter, No. 59, Royal Arch Masons; and Marion Commandery, No. 36, Knights Templars. He is a member of the high priesthood of Ohio.

Mr. Clark married on June 30, 1886, at Garland, Warren county, Pennsylvania, Sadie E. Wilson, who died at Jamestown, New York, in 1902. On August 19, 1902, at Saint Francis De Sales church, Newark, Ohio, he married Miss Adelia Igo, who was born at Grafton, West Virginia, and reared at Newark, Licking county, Ohio. To this union has been born one child, George L. Clark, Jr., whose birth occurred on the 2nd of October, 1906, at Mount Gilead, Ohio. He was baptized at Blessed Sacrament church at Newark, Ohio, in March, 1908.

WINFIELD S. STANLEY.—A prominent citizen of Cardington and one whose varied business interests have added materially to the progress and development of Morrow county, Ohio, is Winfield S. Stanley, who was born at Harriette, Wexford county, Michigan, on the 4th of July, 1880. He is a son of J. Z. Stanley, who is engaged both in agricultural pursuits and the hardware business in the old Wolverine state, and the maiden name of his mother was Ida A. Fox. Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Stanley became the parents of four children, three of whom are now living. Mrs. Charles Radford resides in Danville, Michigan; A. J. Stanley is a resident of Harriette, Michigan; and Winfield S. Stanley is the subject of this sketch.

Winfield S. Stanley was reared to the invigorating discipline of the home farm, in the primitive log cabin which represented the early home of his parents. He attended the district schools of Wexford county until he had attained to the age of eight years, after which he was a student in the graded schools of Harriette until his sixteenth year, at which time he began a course of study in a business college at Ypsilanti, Michigan. In this institution he was graduated in the stenographic and bookkeeping department and thereafter he entered the employ of The Modle Hoop and Stave Company, of Milan Michigan, in the capacity of stenographer and bookkeeper for two years at Milan and for one year at New London, Ohio. In 1902 he became manager for the above company, and continued to be thus engaged for a period of two years. In 1904 he decided to launch out in the business world on his own account and he accordingly organized The Ohio Stave Company, locating the plant at Marysville, Union county, Ohio. In 1906 he removed the plant to Cardington, Ohio, where a large and flourishing business has been built up. The company was incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio in 1904, with a capital stock of twenty thousand dollars and its official corps is as follows: W. S. Weston, president; J. G. Reynolds, vice president; and W. S. Stanley, secretary, treasurer and manager. This concern manufactures hoops and lumber and its finely equipped plant is a credit to the industrial world of Morrow county.

Mr. Stanley is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Republican party and though he has never manifested aught of ambition for public office of any description he is ever on the alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all measures and enterprises advanced for the general welfare of the community. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic Order, in which he holds membership in Milan Lodge, No. 323, Free and Accepted Masons. Both he and his wife are popular factors in the best social circles of their home city.

At New London, Ohio, in the year 1903, Mr. Stanley was united in marriage to Miss Iva M. Doud, who was born and reared at Brownhelm, Ohio. They have three children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here entered: Maxine, April 4, 1905; Geraldine, July 2, 1909; and Norman J., February 16, 1911. Mrs. W. S. Stanley is a graduate of the high school of Ottawa, Ohio, and is a member of the Mildred Chapter, No. 85, O. E. S., of which she is conductress.

FRANK HOLT, who is successfully engaged in the great basic art of agriculture in Pern township, Morrow county, Ohio, was born in Cumberland county, Illinois, on the 27th of December, 1864, and is a son of Evan and Hattie (Leonard) Holt, both of whom are deceased. Evan Holt was a son of John H. and Mahala Holt and his birth occurred in Chester township, this county, on the 21st of

June, 1839. John H. Holt was born on the 11th of May, 1808, and his wife was born on the 10th of October, 1807. They were the parents of thirteen children. John Holt was a son of Evan and Chanty Holt, the latter of whom were the great-grandparents of him to whom this sketch is dedicated, the respective dates of their births being June 9, 1764, and September 14, 1764. John Holt, grandfather of the subject of this review, was a pioneer in Chester township, Morrow county, and he was a farmer by occupation, having reclaimed a fine farm from the virgin wilderness. Evan Holt became the father of four children, two of whom are living in 1911; Frank Holt, the immediate subject of this review; and Emma, who is the wife of Harry Fleming, of Delaware county, Ohio.

Frank Holt was a child of but two years of age at the time of his parents' removal from Illinois to Delaware county, Ohio, where he was reared on a farm and where he attended the public schools until he had attained to the age of eighteen years. At that time he left home and began to work in a machine shop at Delaware, Ohio, where he was employed by the day and where he continued to be employed for some three years, during which time he saved about four hundred and fifty dollars. In 1890 he rented a farm in Morrow county, where he cared for his aged father, assisted by sister Emma, until his death, which occurred November 4, 1904. Thereafter he entered into a partnership alliance with Orson A. Lee in the agricultural line of enterprise, in which they built up a fine business and cleared considerable money. In April, 1901 Mr. Holt again turned his energies to farming and in that year purchased the fine estate of sixty-six and two-thirds acres of land on which he now resides. This is one of the best improved farms in Peru township, and in connection with diversified agriculture Mr. Holt is deeply interested in the raising and marketing of high-grade stock, his specialties being cattle and sheep.

In 1897 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Holt to Miss Effie Adams, who was born in Delaware county on the 25th of August, 1873, a daughter of Augustus Adams. She was reared to maturity on the home farm and was educated in the district schools and in the Galena High School, in which she was graduated as a member of the class of 1890. For six years she was a popular and successful teacher in the public schools in Delaware county and for one year she taught in Morrow county. To Mr. and Mrs. Holt have been born three children, namely: Homer, whose birth occurred on the 27th of April, 1904; Nancy, born November 19, 1907; and Atlee, born October 14, 1910.

Mr. Holt is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the Democratic party in his political proclivities and for several terms he was incumbent of the office of township assessor. In 1910 he served as land appraiser of Peru township and he has ever shown a deep interest in all matters relating to higher education in this section,



James W. Sexton

Sarah J. Sexton

being at the present time, in 1911, a director on the school board. Mr. and Mrs. Holt as citizens are accorded a high degree of popular confidence and esteem in this community.

JAMES W. SEXTON.—Though a native of England, this honored citizen of Canaan township has been a resident of Morrow county from his childhood days and here he has won independence and definite prosperity through his active association with agricultural pursuits, with which he is still identified. He resides on his fine farm of ninety acres one-half mile east of the village of Denmark, but the active management of the place now rests largely in the hands of his only son, though he himself has by no means sought sybaritic ease and inactivity, as he is still a man of marked physical and mental vitality, keeping in touch with modern affairs and maintaining a more or less active association with the work and management of the home farm. His life has been one of consecutive industry along productive lines of enterprise, and such men are never content to nullify in a personal way the old adage that "It is better to wear out than to rust out." Mr. Sexton has shown as insistent loyalty to American customs and institutions as could the most patriotic native son of our American republic, and this was significantly shown in his valiant and faithful service as a soldier of the Union in the Civil war. He has guided his course on a lofty plane of integrity and honor and thus has ever been accorded the unqualified respect and confidence of his fellow men.

James W. Sexton was born in Lincolnshire, England, on the 1st of October, 1847, and is a scion of stanch old families of the "right little, tight little isle." He is a son of Robert and Mary A. (Bothamley) Sexton, both of whom were likewise natives of Lincolnshire, where the father was an agriculturist and where he died when the subject of this review, the only child, was but one year old. In 1854, when he was about seven years old, James W. Sexton came with his widowed mother to America and in June of that year they established their home in Marion county, Ohio. Shortly afterward the mother became the wife of John Tweddle and they removed to the village of Denmark, Morrow county, and here the mother continued to reside until her death, at the age of fifty-four years.

James W. Sexton was reared to maturity in Morrow county, and is indebted to its common schools for his early educational training. He was about fourteen years old at the initiation of the Civil war and as soon as he was eligible for military service he gave patent evidence of his intrinsic loyalty, as, on the 14th of July, 1863, about three months prior to his sixteenth birthday anniversary, he enlisted as a private in Company B, Fifth Independent Battalion of Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. This command was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland and his principal service was in the states of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. Mr. Sexton

received an honorable discharge at the expiration of six months and promptly reenlisted, as a member of Company D, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he saw active and arduous service in the Army of the Independent Organizations, and with which he participated in a number of spirited engagements, including a large number of important battles marking the progress of the great conflict. He took part in the battles of Rocky Face Ridge, Dalton, Franklin, Nashville and Atlanta and in the ever memorable Atlanta campaign, after which he accompanied General Sherman's forces on the historic march to the sea. He continued with his regiment until some time after the final surrender. He was mustered out at San Antonio, Texas, on the 18th of December, 1865, and received his honorable discharge, at Columbus, Ohio, on the 2nd of January, 1866. His military service was marked by fidelity and gallantry and will ever reflect honor upon his name.

After the termination of his service as a soldier of the Union Mr. Sexton returned to Morrow county and turned his attention to agriculture pursuits, with which he has continued to be identified through the long intervening years and through which he has gained definite success. He has owned and resided upon his present farm since 1884 and upon the same has made the best of improvements, the while he has proved an energetic and resourceful exponent of the great basic industry of agriculture and stock growing.

From the time of attaining to his legal majority and consequent right of franchise Mr. Sexton has given a stalwart support to the cause of the Republican party, and he has served four years as trustee of his township, though never manifesting any marked ambition for public office. Both he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church in the neighboring village of Denmark, where he is also affiliated with Daniel Linder Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is past commander; and with Denmark Lodge, No. 760, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand.

On the 5th of December, 1867, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Sexton to Miss Sarah F. Worden, who was born and reared in Morrow county, and concerning the family history adequate data may be found in the sketch of the career of her brother, Samuel R. Worden, on other pages of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton have two children: Addie, who was born August 5, 1872, is the wife of John A. Oberdier, a prosperous blacksmith of Canaan township; and Richard E., who was born January 9, 1875, remains at the parental home and has the general supervision of the farm.

HARRY B. CAMPBELL, D. D. S.—A native son of the fine old Buckeye state and a citizen who holds a secure vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem is Dr. Harry B. Campbell, who was born in Lincoln township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 3rd of

March, 1878. He is a son of Andrew and Ada F. (Farlee) Campbell, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. Andrew Campbell is a prosperous farmer in Cardington township and he and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of four children, of which number the Doctor is the eldest. Blanche is the wife of F. A. Moore, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; Frank an electro plater; and Marie, in school.

Dr. Harry B. Campbell grew up on the old farm, in the work and management of which he early began to assist his father. His preliminary educational training was gained in the district schools and this discipline was later effectively supplemented by an independent course in the Cardington High School. Thereafter he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until 1905, when he was matriculated in the Ohio Medical College at Columbus, in the dental department of which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1908, duly receiving his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Immediately after his graduation he opened an office in the Kreis block, and he now controls a large and representative patronage. A thorough technical training along the line of his chosen work, together with innate ability, makes him one of the leading dentists in this county. In a professional way the Doctor is affiliated with various medical organizations of representative character. He is a valued and appreciative member of Cardington Lodge, No. 384, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Cardington Lodge, No. 194, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is a past grand. In politics he is a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor and he and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the different departments of whose work they have been most active factors.

In the year 1909 was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Campbell to Miss Virginia Ireland, a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Maxwell) Ireland, representative citizens of Cardington. The father was identified with agricultural pursuits during the major portion of his active business career and he is now living virtually retired in the enjoyment of former years of earnest toil and endeavor. Mrs. Campbell was reared and educated in Morrow county and she is a woman of most gracious personality. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell have no children.

HENRY C. HAIR.—Without any financial support whatever and only his own pluck and perseverance to back him, Henry C. Hair assumed the active responsibilities of life as a clerk in a grocery store and meat market. By degrees he worked his way upward and after becoming thoroughly familiar with the business of general merchandising he launched out in that line of enterprise on his own account. He is now one of the most prominent merchants at Johnsville, Morrow county, Ohio, where he is accorded the unquali-

fied confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens and where he has figured prominently in local affairs.

Henry C. Hair is a native son of Morrow county, his birth having occurred in Congress township on the 20th of September, 1868. He is a son of Noble C. and Angeline (Harriman) Hair, the former of whom was born in Knox county and who was summoned to eternal rest in Delaware county, Ohio, in the year 1872. He was identified with farming and later as a wagon maker during his active career and he was highly esteemed as a man of worth and ability during his life time. He married Miss Angeline Harriman, who was born near Williamsport, Morrow county, then Knox county, in May, 1837, and who is now living with her son, Henry C., of this notice. Mr. and Mrs. Noble C. Hair became the parents of but one son, the immediate subject of this review.

Henry C. Hair was reared to adult age in Pulaskiville, Ohio, to the public schools of which place he is indebted for his early educational training. He attended school until he had attained to the age of nineteen years, at which time he accepted a position as a clerk in a grocery store and meat market at Chesterville, this county. Subsequently he was employed in a store at Pulaskiville, Ohio, where he remained for a period of thirteen years, at the expiration of which he purchased the store from his employer and conducted it with marked success until October, 1908. In the year last mentioned he disposed of his stock and removed to Chesterville, where he continued to reside for one year. In October, 1909, he bought the general store of Lafe Gates & Son at Johnsville, to the operation of which well equipped concern he has since devoted his entire time and attention. Long association with mercantile affairs has made him a man of broad information along this particular line of business and through his well directed endeavors he has made of success not an accident but a logical result.

On the 12th of February, 1890, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Hair to Miss Hattie M. Burns, who was born at Chesterville, Ohio, and who is a daughter of Ross Burns, of that place. She was born on the 25th of October, 1868, and was afforded an excellent common school education in her youth. For a number of years prior to her marriage she was a popular and successful teacher in Morrow county schools. She is a woman of fine intellect and liberal ideas, is popular in the best social circles of the community and is active in church and charitable work. Mr. and Mrs. Hair have no children.

In a fraternal way Mr. Hair is affiliated with Chesterville Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons; and Chester Lodge, No. 204, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious faith is in harmony with the teachings of the Methodist Episcopal church of which he and his wife are devoted members. In his political allegiance he is aligned as a stalwart in the ranks of the Republican party. He is not an office seeker but in his own private life he

has so conducted himself as to gain recognition as a loyal and public spirited citizen, one who is ever on the alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all measures and enterprises advanced for progress and development. He is strictly speaking a self made man and his present substantial business is the outcome of earnestly applied effort and impregnable integrity.

WILSON G. LEFEVER, manager of the Van Scoy Chemical Company, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, was born on his father's farm in Canaan township, Morrow county, Ohio, in November, 1860, and is still the owner of the old home place.

His father, George Lefever, a native of Ohio county, Virginia, born in 1816, came over into this state about 1828 and took up his residence here, and here he lived for many years, dealing in stock and carrying on farming operations until he acquired an estate of considerable proportions. He died at Edison, Ohio, in 1886. His wife, Catherine (Moody) Lefever, born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, died in 1906. Of the nine children born to them, six are living at this writing, namely: Wilson G., whose name introduces this sketch; Frank, of Edison, Ohio; M. Bruce, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio; Margaret, wife of M. W. Shaw, of Marion, Ohio; Clark, of Colorado; and Ella G., of Marion, Ohio.

Wilson G. Lefever in his youth attended district school. He remained on the farm until he was twenty years of age, when he took a course in the Ada Normal College, now the Northwestern University, at Ada, Ohio, after which he engaged in teaching in his native county. From teaching he soon turned to a business life. He spent between four and five years at Edison, Ohio, as book-keeper and afterward assistant agent in the railroad office. Then he resumed farming, and for fourteen years operated the old home place, a fine farm containing over two hundred acres, and which, as above stated, he still owns. At the end of this time he rented the farm and returned to Edison. There he helped to organize the Citizens Banking Company, of which he is still a stock holder. He was assistant cashier of this bank for four years, after which, in the same capacity, he became identified with the Morrow County National Bank, and was connected with that institution until he resigned his position in order to accept the management of the Van Scoy Chemical Company, manufacturers of flavoring extracts, spices, perfumes, baking powder, etc.; and under his management the volume of business has doubled.

Mr. Lefever married Miss Flora L. Haverstott, of Marion, Ohio, and they have three children: Earl W., an art student at Evanston, Illinois; Blanche L., a teacher in the public schools of Mt. Gilead; and Francis E.

Politically Mr. Lefever is a Democrat, and fraternally, a Knight of Pythias, having membership in Charles H. Hull Lodge, K. of P. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

EDWARD COE.—An active, enterprising and progressive agriculturist of Morrow county, Edward Coe is the proprietor of a well kept and well appointed farm in South Bloomfield township, which has been his abiding place the greater part of his life. In addition to managing his farm most successfully, he owns and operates throughout the harvesting season a threshing machine, an industry in which he has been engaged for many years. He was born July 21, 1855, in Bloomfield township, a son of Edward Coe, Sr.

Edward Coe, Sr., a native of England, came to the United States with his parents, who settled first in New York state, but later came to Ohio, and from here proceeded westward to Iowa, where they remained permanently. Edward Coe, Sr., a painter by trade, remained in Morrow county, and after following his trade for some time, bought a farm in Bloomfield township, and there resided until his death, about 1862. He was twice married. By his first wife he had three children, Ann, Ellen and William. He married for his second wife Elizabeth Ebersole, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of John D. and Mary Ebersole, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Edward, the special subject of this sketch, Albert and Elbridge. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and a trustworthy member of the Christian church at Sparta. His second wife survived him, passing away in 1883.

Residing on the parental homestead of one hundred and thirty acres until his marriage, Edward Coe assisted in its management as soon as old enough to work. He subsequently invested his money in land, and is now the owner of a fine farm of ninety acres, which he is managing most successfully, the greater part of it being under good cultivation, while the improvements are of a practical and substantial character. Early in his career Mr. Coe purchased a threshing outfit, with which he has since traveled extensively in this section of Morrow county throughout the threshing season, his services being ever in demand at that time, and for thirty-three years has not missed a day's labor with his machine, a record scarcely to be equaled in this or in surrounding states.

Mr. Coe married January 2, 1869, Viola Roberts, who was born February 10, 1852, in South Bloomfield township, a daughter of W. S. Roberts and granddaughter of Solomon and Mary (Coleman) Roberts, pioneer settlers of Ohio. W. S. Roberts learned the carpenter's trade when young, but later bought land in Bloomfield township, Morrow county, and was engaged in the cultivation of the soil until his death, February 5, 1905. He was an active worker in the Democratic ranks, and for several terms served on the township board. While working at his trade he assisted in building the public school house at Sparta. Mr. Roberts's wife, whose maiden name was Lydia A. Swetland, survived him, passing away in November, 1910.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Coe, namely:

Floy M. and Minnie A. Floy M., born August 18, 1882, married Earl Hicks, of South Bloomfield, and later became a resident of Fredericktown, Ohio. They have two sons Lawrence E. and Maurice Coe. Minnie A., born February 10, 1885, is the wife of Jasper Meiser, of Sparta, and has one son, Herbert. Mr. Coe is Independent in politics, voting as his conscience dictates, regardless of party affiliations, and has served several years as a member of the local school board. Fraternally he is a member of Sparta Lodge, No. 268, I. O. O. F., in which he has held all of the chairs.

“Since this biography was written, Mr. Whitney died at his home August 20, 1911.”—Editor.

AMZA A. WHITNEY.—A prominent and influential citizen of Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, and one whose contribution to the commercial and industrial affairs of this section of the fine old Buckeye state has been of most important order, is Amza A. Whitney, who is a native son of this county, his birth having occurred in South Bloomfield township on the 18th of January, 1852. He is a scion of an old New England family early established in the state of Connecticut, whence his grandfather, Samuel Whitney, immigrated to Morrow county, Ohio, about the year 1845. Samuel Whitney later removed to Delaware county, this state, where he was engaged in farming as a vocation and where his death occurred. Amza A. Whitney's parents, Lyman B. and Elizabeth Ann (Vail) Whitney, resided in the city of Columbus, Ohio, for a time and in that place occurred the death of the father in 1852, at which time the subject of this review was a child of but eleven months of age. Mrs. Whitney was a daughter of Benjamin T. and Mary A. Vail, who kept a country tavern in the southern part of Morrow county, the same being known as Vail's Cross roads or Vail's Tavern. She died at Mt. Gilead in 1872.

Amza A. Whitney attended the public schools of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, until he had attained to the age of sixteen years, at which time he began to clerk in a dry goods store at Sparta, where he was in the employ of his uncle for one year. Thereafter he was connected with the same line of enterprise at Mt. Vernon for a period of ten years, at the expiration of which he returned to Sparta, where he purchased the store from his uncle, which he conducted with most gratifying success for the ensuing ten years. In 1889 he was elected auditor of Morrow county, as a Democrat, the county being strongly Republican. He assumed the responsibilities of his office in October, 1890, and served for a period of three years, at the expiration of which he was elected to that office as his own successor, serving for another term of three years. In 1891 he became one of the organizers of the Mt. Gilead Dry Goods Company, of which he was made president. After retiring from the office of county auditor he became general manager of the dry goods concern, of which he later became sole owner, the firm being known under the name of A. A. Whitney & Sons and consisting of the following members: Amza A. Whitney, of this sketch, Allen

B. Whitney, Clarence C. Whitney and Horace W. Whitney. Aside from his mercantile business Mr. Whitney has other financial interests of broad scope and importance. He is one of the directors in the National Bank of Morrow county, at Mt. Gilead; is president and was one of the organizers of the Morrow County Telephone Company; was also one of the organizers of the Electric Light & Water Power Plant of Mt. Gilead, in which he is a stock holder and a director; and is a director in the Galion, Ohio, Telephone Company. In 1909 he was appointed by Governor Harmon as one of the trustees of the Ohio State Sanatorium at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in which capacity he is serving at the present time, in 1911. He is also a stock holder in the Marengo Bank of Morrow county, in the Commercial Bank, at Galion, Ohio, and in the Commercial Bank at Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Mr. Whitney has been twice married, his first union having been with Miss Mary V. Henderson, who was the mother of his three sons, mentioned above. Mrs. Whitney was summoned to the life eternal in 1885, and in 1888 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Whitney to Miss Ella E. Henderson, a sister of his first wife. No children have been born to the latter union.

In his political convictions Mr. Whitney is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and while he has not been an active participant in politics he has been on the alert to do all in his power to advance the general welfare of the community. In the time-honored Masonic order he has passed through the circle of Scottish Rite Masonry, having attained to the Thirty-second Degree. He is also a valued member of Aladdin Temple, Ancient Arabia Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, besides which he holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his family are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the various departments of whose work they have been active factors. The three sons of Mr. Whitney were all afforded excellent educational advantages in their youth, having been graduated in the Ohio Wesleyan University, with the degrees of Bachelors of Arts.

CHARLES W. EMERSON.—Morrow county has been particularly fortunate in the possession of many progressive and honored citizens, whose lives have added greatly to the high place it occupies as one of the foremost sections of the fine old Buckeye state. High on the roll of successful and sterling agriculturists stands the name of Charles W. Emerson, whose good farm of one hundred and ten acres of arable land is located on the Chesterville and Sparta road, some one and one half miles distant from Chesterville, Ohio.

In Knox county, Ohio, on the 5th of March, 1856, occurred the birth of Charles W. Emerson, who is a son of James and Mary (Ink) Emerson, the former of whom was born and reared in the old commonwealth of Virginia and the latter of whom was a native

of New York. Mrs. Mary (Ink) Emerson immigrated to Ohio with her parents when she was but six years of age, the trip across the country from the old Empire state having been made in a wagon. James Emerson was long engaged in farming and stock raising in this state and he was summoned to the life eternal in the year 1865; his wife is yet living. They were the parents of three children, all boys, of whom Charles W. was the second in order of birth. Monroe and Arthur Emerson are both identified with agricultural operations in Morrow county and of recent years Arthur has devoted a great deal of time to engineering work, being at the present time engineer of the hoop factory at Cardington.

Charles W. Emerson attended the district schools of his home county until he had received an excellent common school education and subsequently he was a student in the Waterford Academy in Knox county, Ohio. After his marriage, in 1880, he established the family home on the Lanning estate, on which they have continued to reside to the present day. This estate or farm consists of one hundred and ten acres of excellent land on the Chesterville and Sparta road, and by reason of its substantial buildings and general air of thrift and prosperity it is recognized as one of the good farms in this district. Commencing with youthful zeal to improve and beautify their home, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson worked with industry and perseverance and their toil has been amply rewarded, for now they are passing the years of their lives in full enjoyment of the fruits of former labors.

On the 7th of April, 1880, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Emerson to Miss Emma M. Long, of Harmony township, Morrow county. She is a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Westbrook) Long and was the youngest in order of birth in a family of nine children, whose names are here entered, George, Will, Henry, Elizabeth, Ann, Maria, Olive, Etura and Emma. To Mr. and Mrs. Emerson were born four children, one of whom, Maude, died in infancy. Clarence, Ralph and Guy were reared to adult age under the invigorating influences of the old home farm and after completing the curriculum of the district schools of their birth place they attended the high school at Chesterville, in which Clarence and Ralph have been graduated with honors and in which Guy, who is now sixteen years of age, is a member of the class of 1911. Clarence attended Delaware College for a period of three years, at the expiration of which he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he is now manager for the firm of Cussings & Fearn, a large hardware concern in that city. Commencing at the bottom of the ladder as a mere clerk he has from time to time been advanced until he now holds the responsible position of superintendent in his particular department. Ralph is employed as solicitor for the same firm and during the past two terms has attended the night sessions of the business college of the Young Men's Christian Association. In 1910 Ralph was united in marriage to Miss Effie Greno, one of the popular and attractive young women of Columbus.

In all affairs of national import Mr. Emerson endorses the cause of the Democratic party but in local matters he maintains an independent attitude, preferring to give his support to men and measures meeting with the approval of his judgment rather than to vote along strictly partisan lines. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson have always manifested a deep and sincere interest in every public work that means an uplift to the community. For over twenty years he has served as a member of the school board. Mrs. Emerson is an honored member of the Chester Baptist church and an enthusiastic Sunday School worker. She has been superintendent of the Sunday School for over five years and at the last Sunday School conference was elected for a sixth year. In 1910 she was delegate to the Ohio Sunday School Convention, held at Cleveland, and she has been elected as delegate to the state convention to be held at Dayton in June, 1911. She is a very ardent worker in behalf of all religious and charitable matters and is deeply beloved by all who have come within the sphere of her gracious influence. In his fraternal affiliations Mr. Emerson is a valued and appreciative member of the Chesterville Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The name of Emerson is one highly esteemed in this community and it stands for everything that tends to promote progress and development.

ARMONDO L. MUNK, manager of the Mt. Gilead Floral Company, with greenhouses at the corner of Bank and Pleasant streets, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, has been a resident of this place since 1904.

Mr. Munk was born at Lindsey, Sandusky county, Ohio, February 16, 1881, a son of the Rev. John W. and Mary E. (Reinhold) Munk. His father being an Evangelical minister, whose work took him from place to place, Armondo L. Munk's education was carried forward in different towns and cities of Ohio. He is a graduate of the Roscoe High School and also of a commercial school of Columbus, and he spent some time engaged in the study of law. He did not, however, engage in legal practice, but turned his attention to other lines of work, at first to railroading and afterwards to the greenhouse business. He started a greenhouse at Mt. Gilead in 1904, in which his father and brother were interested. The latter died, and his father sold his share, and Armondo L. now has full charge of the business as manager, which, under his able management, is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. Munk resides with his family on North street. He married November 28, 1906, Miss Adah Dale White, and they have one daughter, Helen V., born in September, 1907.

While Mr. Munk votes the Republican ticket and is always prompt in his duty at the polls, he has otherwise never been active in politics. Fraternally he is identified with Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, K. of P., and his religious creed is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.



RESIDENCE OF MR AND MRS WILLIAM A LEVERING

WILLIAM A. LEVERING.—It is the lot of some men to be born great, while others have to achieve greatness, and to this latter class belongs William A. Levering, of Westfield township, who has in truth been the architect of his own fortune. Beginning life for himself a poor boy, he has labored with untiring energy, and by a diligent use of his faculties and opportunities has steadily worked his way upward to a place of affluence and influence, proving himself a useful and worthy citizen. He was born in Westfield township, Morrow county, May 9, 1865, a son of Samuel Levering.

His paternal grandfather, Nathan Levering, a native of France, emigrated first to Germany, and a few years later crossed the Atlantic, coming to the United States in search of a home. Locating in Ohio, he first owned land in what is now Franklin township, Morrow county. On the first day of August, 1837, he entered two hundred acres of land in Westfield township, Morrow county, the land being then a dense wilderness, through which wild beasts roamed at will and Indians held sway, neither having fled before the advancing steps of civilization. This tract of land he afterwards presented to his son Samuel and one of his daughters, and they partly cleared and settled it. Nathan Levering continued his residence in Franklin township, where he had title to twelve hundred acres of land. He was a noted trader, and accumulated considerable wealth in his operations. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Kearney, three sons and four daughters were born and reared, as follows: Samuel, father of William A., Daniel, Washington, Elizabeth, Martha, Mary J., and Sarah Ann.

Samuel Levering was born in 1842 in Morrow county, Ohio, and here spent his brief life of twenty-four years, dying in 1866. He married Catherine Henry, and to them two children were born, namely: William A. and Mary, the latter the wife of Joseph A. Utter, of Missouri.

Brought up in Morrow county, William A. Levering attended the district schools until sixteen years old, obtaining a practical education. Left fatherless when a small child, he began working by the month during the summer seasons for Washington Fleming, while during the long winter terms of school he continued his studies, working for his board mornings and evenings. Beginning then to work regularly for wages, his wages were at first six dollars a month and later eight dollars a month, a sum which he had no trouble in spending for necessary expenses.

On attaining his majority, Mr. Levering was given two thousand, one hundred and forty dollars and the ensuing four years was engaged in farming on rented land. Unfortunate in his ventures he lost one half of his money, and moved to Paulding county, Ohio, where he first purchased forty acres of land. Subsequently disposing of that, Mr. Levering bought a farm of eighty acres in the same locality, and one year later added by purchase another forty

acres of land to his farm. Selling the whole one hundred and twenty acres in that county, he came to Westfield township and invested in one hundred and twenty acres of land. Selling that at an advantage, Mr. Levering then purchased his present farm, which contains two hundred and eight acres of fine land, located two and one half miles from Cardington, along the line of the "Big Four" Railroad. Mr. Levering has made improvements of value on the place, including among others the erection of a commodious barn, seventy-two by forty feet, with an ell thirty feet by forty feet, it being one of the largest and most modernly constructed barns in Morrow county. As a general farmer, feeder and stock raiser, Mr. Levering is meeting with undisputed success, his estate being one of the best in its appointments and equipments of any in the vicinity, bearing visible evidence to the passer by of his skill, ability and wise management.

Mr. Levering married, October 14, 1886, Elmora Ocker, who was born April 4, 1865, in Cardington township, Morrow county, a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Silvers) Ocker, natives of Ohio. Five children brightened the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Levering, namely: Ralph, born October 16, 1887, died September 11, 1888; Nina, born May 16, 1890, was educated in the district schools; Mabel, born April 29, 1892, passed the Boxwell Examination and died April 29, 1908; William D., born January 29, 1894; and Fanchon, born November 6, 1895. Although supporting the principles of the Democratic party at the polls, Mr. Levering has never taken an active part in politics, his time and attention having been devoted to the management of his private interests. The estate of Mr. and Mrs. Levering is known as "The Maple Row Stock Farm." Mr. Levering has one of the old parchment deeds, executed under the hand and seal of President Martin Van Buren, this being the eighth deed found in Morrow county by the biographer.

FRANK H. MILLER, a retired farmer of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, owns and occupies a comfortable home near the corporation line, the lawn and garden comprising a two acre tract, an ideal location for a retired farmer.

Mr. Miller was born in Summit county, Ohio, September 1, 1854, a son of Dr. J. C. and Abigail (Jobe) Miller and grandson of Allen Miller, who originally came from Washington county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio and made settlement here among the pioneers of the Western Reserve. J. C. Miller, M. D., spent his life engaged in the practice of his profession, in Medina and Morrow counties, where he was well known and highly respected. He died at Iberia, Morrow county, October 31, 1893. He and his wife were the parents of two children, Frank H. and F. L., the latter a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

Frank H. Miller spent his boyhood days in Medina county and there received his early education. Then he entered what

was at that time called the Ohio Central College, at Iberia, where he graduated with the degree of B. S. in 1882, a classmate of Warren G. Harding. After his graduation he accepted a position as superintendent of schools at Sparta, Ohio, and subsequently he was principal of the college from which he graduated, filling this position from 1884 to the time the college was purchased by the state of Ohio for the Working Home for Blind. After this he farmed and taught school for a number of years. In November, 1900, he moved to Mt. Gilead, where he has since lived retired.

Mr. Miller married Miss Irene Rule, of West Point, Morrow county, Ohio, born May 13, 1861, and to them have been given three children: Abbie L., born May 25, 1884, is the wife of Harry M. Mitchell, of near Quincy, Ohio; Arthur R., who died in infancy; Raymond Guy, born March 8, 1891, graduated from the Mt. Gilead high school in June, 1909, and is now a freshman in the University of Granville, Ohio. Mrs. Miller owns one hundred and sixty acres of land in Washinton township, this county.

Mr. Miller is one of the prominent members of the First Baptist church of Mt. Gilead, and at this writing is superintendent of its Sunday school. While he has always voted the Republican ticket, he has never been active in politics.

JOSEPH S. DENMAN.—The growth and prosperity of our country is largely due to that class of sturdy manhood and womanhood whose lives of industry, honesty and thrift have merited for them the honored position of "Builders of our Commonwealth." Prominent among this class we find the name of Denman.

Joseph S. Denman, farmer and stockman, was born on the 22nd of December, 1844, the place of his nativity being Morrow, Ohio. He is a son of Joseph L. and Anna M. (Wright) Denman, both of whom were born and reared in the old Buckeye state. The name Denman originated from a term given them by the English, who called them "Dane men" because they came from Denmark. They trace their ancestry back as far as the year 1620, at which time John Denman and Judith Stoughton, the latter of England, were married. The son of this worthy couple, by name John, sailed in the ship Dorset, via the Bermudas, to America in 1635. His destination was Boston, where Israel and Thomas Stoughton, brothers of Judith, resided. John Denman 1, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, was the original progenitor of the Denman family in America and he became the father of three sons, John Philip and William. John II went to Long Island and there purchased land of the Indians, near Newton, Queen's county, Long Island, in 1662. He married Mary Gannaugh, of Long Island, and they had three daughters and four sons, namely: Martha, Mary and Elizabeth, and William, Philip, Thomas and John III. John III wedded Mary Williams; Philip II married Mary Crane; and William III married Prudence of Springfield, New Jersey.

In a family of six children—four sons and two daughters, Joseph Denman was the second in order of birth and of the number William died in infancy; Daniel is a minister in the Missionary Baptist church at Oak Park, Illinois; and the others were David, Suzanna and Lavonia. In his youth Joseph attended the district school at Fairfield, Ohio, and later he was graduated in the high school at Chesterville. He fitted himself for teaching and proved very popular and successful in that line of enterprise. He was very well known as a good disciplinarian and was always in demand by the school boards, having devoted fully twenty years to pedagogic work. He was united in marriage, April 8, 1867, to Miss Anna E. Thomas, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Thomas, of Chester township, Morrow county, Ohio. She was born on the 31st of July, 1848, and was the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, namely: Enoch, Zacharia, James, John, Orlando, Mary J. and Anna E.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Denman resided for one year at Galion, Ohio, but they had been residents of Chester township twenty years ere they moved to Galion, from which they went to Roanoke, Virginia, in which place they retained their home for a period of sixteen years. In 1902 Mr. Denman returned to Ohio and at the request of his sons purchased the old Denman homestead, which has been in the possession of the Denman family for one hundred and five years in succession. Mr. Denman has an old family Bible which was published in 1802. The Denman estate, comprised of one hundred and fifty acres of most arable land, is eligibly located southeast of Chesterville and affords a fine proof of intelligent application and practical industry. The son William recently installed an air pressure water system in the basement of the house, thus supplying both the house and barn with an abundance of flowing spring water. The fine substantial buildings located in the midst of well cultivated fields lend an air of thrift and prosperity to the place, which are in harmony with the practical industry of the owner. Mr. Denman during his active career has devoted most of his time to diversified agriculture and the raising of high-grade stock but now he confines his endeavors to a general supervision of the farm, his sons attending to the more arduous duties thereof.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Denman became the parents of eight children: Josephine, Ludlow, Susie (deceased), Bertha, Allie, Arthur, Earl and William. Bertha and Allie are both married and they reside in Virginia; Arthur married Miss Susie Boner and they maintain their home in Trumbull county, Ohio; Earl married Miss Mamie Truesdale and resides at Fredericktown, Ohio, where he is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, and they have four sons, Clarence, Joseph, James and Robert; William was united in marriage on the 5th of October, 1909, to Miss Aleta Weaver, of Sparta, Ohio. Mrs. William Denman is an accomplished and an

unusually attractive young woman and her gracious personality makes her exceedingly popular in the best social activities of the community. She was afforded an excellent education in her girlhood days and for a time was a decidedly successful student in the Art School at Cleveland, where she became very adept in landscape and china painting. She is a daughter of Henry and Minerva (Modie) Weaver, of Sparta. Henry Weaver was an eminently successful business man during his life time and in addition to a number of other important enterprises he was the owner of the Tile Works at Sparta. He was a member of the Ohio State bar and engaged in the practice of law and for many years was notary public. Being of sterling character and a man of the strictest honor, he was frequently retained as counsel by those whose cause demanded justice; he never countenanced an unjust cause. He and his wife are residents of Fredericktown, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver had two children, Aleta, who is now Mrs. William Denman; and Claude, who married Miss Emma Parker, a trained nurse in the city of Philadelphia. They now reside in Westchester, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. William Denman reside at the old Denman homestead with the subject of this review.

Joseph S. Denman and his wife are devout members of the Pisgah old school Baptist church and they are also members of the Grange. They are substantial and popular citizens in this section of the state, where they are held in high regard by all with whom they have come in contact. They have ever endeavored to instill into the minds of their children those principles of honor and those ideals which are so essential in this twentieth century citizenship.

SOLOMON P. STULL.—Clear-headed, enterprising and progressive, Solomon P. Stull is numbered among the prosperous business men of Troy township, and, with his keen conception of the needs of each community as regards road making and repairing, care of county buildings and property, and the thousand other matters pertaining to the public welfare of Morrow county, he is amply qualified for the responsible position, which he is now filling, as county commissioner of Morrow county.

He was born March 12, 1860, in Clarion county, Pennsylvania. His father, Frederick Stull, was born in the same state, in the year 1830. His mother, Mary (Sheckley) Stull, was also a native of the Keystone state.

In the year of 1866 the Stull family came to Ohio. After locating at Steam Corners, Frederick purchased a saw mill, which he operated successfully for many years. Solomon started to school, where he learned to be thoughtful and studious, his education being limited to the elementary subjects. After some years of schooling he became engaged in the lumber business. His father then bought a tile plant, and he and his son carried on a large

business under the firm name of Stull & Company. After Solomon became older his father sold his interest in the lumber and tile business to his son P. F. Stull. This changed the firm name to S. P. Stull & Brother.

On the 8th day of September, 1887, Mr. Stull was united in marriage to Anna E. Rummel, the oldest daughter of Peter Rummel. She was born on the 3rd of October, 1863. Her father was born in Germany, where he lived but four years when he and his parents came to the United States. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stull, namely: Rolly H., dying at the early age of one year and two months; Laura E., a graduate of the Troy township high school, has taught one term of school; Belva E., who was also a graduate of the same school; Leland S., a schoolboy; Bessie M. and Lucy L., who are still going to school. The father died shortly after his son's marriage, aged sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Stull are among the active and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is now a steward. He has served as superintendent of its Sunday school and also has been a teacher of the several junior classes. When the new church edifice was erected he was a member of its building committee.

Mr. Stull has acquired a considerable property in addition to his manufacturing interests. He owns a farm of forty-seven acres in Troy township. A straightforward Republican in politics, Mr. Stull is popular with all political parties, as was shown in the year 1908, when, after having served two terms as clerk of Troy township, he was elected county commissioner, being the only Republican commissioner elected in that year. As G. F. Stull then moved to Mansfield, Solomon bought his interest in the milling and tiling plants, and has since been sole proprietor of both industries. On the 20th day of September, 1909, assuming the responsibilities of his position, he labored so efficiently for the good of the general public as far as his office was concerned that at the expiration of his term, on November 8, 1910, he was reelected to the same office, and is serving with characteristic ability. He is energetic, industrious and honest, having a quick eye for business. He is a kind husband, a loving father, and a good neighbor.

CLEMENT L. V. HARROD.—Belonging to a family whose name has long been known in the annals of Central Ohio, Clement L. V. Harrod is numbered among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Morrow county, his fine and well-tilled farm being pleasantly located in South Bloomfield township. He is a native and to the "manner born," his birth having here occurred September 29, 1863. His father, Jesse B. Harrod, was a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Ulrey) Harrod, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Knox county, Ohio, soon after their marriage, and took up three hundred acres of government land near Gambier, and there spent the remainder of their years. Michael Harrod

was a man of much force of character, honest and upright, and was very prominent in the early history of that section of the state, being a leading Democrat.

Jesse B. Harrod was born November 16, 1824, on the home farm in Knox county, being one of a family of sixteen children, fifteen of whom grew to years of maturity. He obtained a practical education in the pioneer schools, and as a boy and youth became familiar with the many branches of agriculture. Beginning his career at the age of twenty years, he taught school until the breaking out of the Mexican war, when he enlisted as a soldier and served in the army for two years. Returning home at the close of the conflict, he married and began housekeeping in a humble log cabin in Knox county. He met with such encouraging success in his labors that in 1850 he bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Morrow county, and was thereafter prosperously employed in general farming until his death, in 1892. True to the political faith in which he was reared, he was a sound Democrat, and in addition to holding various township offices and serving on the school board, had the honor of being a member of the only Democratic board of Morrow county.

The maiden name of the wife of Jesse B. Harrod was Delilah Horn. She was born February 25, 1830, in Knox county, Ohio, a daughter of Peter Horn, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, but was brought up in Knox county, Ohio, where he subsequently took up two hundred acres of government land, on which he lived until his death, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. Peter Horn married Nancy Porter, who was born in Vermont, of excellent New England stock, and came with her parents to Knox county, Ohio, when a girl. The union of Jesse B. and Delilah (Horn) Harrod was blessed by the birth of ten children, as follows: Peter, Annie, deceased; Mitchell, Michael, deceased; Emma, Mary, Eli, Clement L. V., Martha, and George. The mother, who was a devout member of the Primitive Baptist church, passed to the life beyond March 4, 1902.

After the death of his father, in 1892, Clement L. V. Harrod, who had always remained a member of the parental household, assumed the entire management of the home farm, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits as long as his mother lived. At her death the farm was sold, and he moved to Sparta. Continuing, however, in his free and independent calling, Mr. Harrod has since been profitably engaged in farming and stock-raising and dealing. An extensive and successful breeder of thorough-bred stock, including registered horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, he is prominently identified with that branch of industry, and somewhat recently sold an eighteen-months old colt for four hundred dollars. Mr. Harrod has likewise for a number of years carried on a large and remunerative business as a dealer in produce, buying and shipping all farm productions.

On December 22, 1904, Mr. Harrod married Mrs. Amy (Julian) Stith, who was born, August 30, 1869, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Bump) Julian, her father, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio, having been one of a family of six children born to John and Margaret (Hedges) Julian, as follows: Aaron, Sarah, Washington, Maria, Samuel and Margaret. Samuel Julian during the Civil war served three years in Company G, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Harrod, died May 10, 1895, and the daughter Amy took her place in the home as housekeeper. Mrs. Harrod wedded Franklin B. Stith, and they were the parents of three children, one of whom, Frankie, the second-born, lived but five months. The other children are Laura H., born December 14, 1898, and Francis Julian, born February 5, 1901. Both of these children have remarkable musical talent, and began singing in public when very young, Laura having been but six years old when she and her brother, two years younger, made their first appearance as vocalists, surprising and pleasing the large audience with their wonderfully sweet, rich tones of melody. Mr. and Mrs. Harrod and their daughter Laura are members of the Primitive Baptist church. In his political views Mr. Harrod is a Democrat, and has held numerous township offices, formerly serving as township assessor and trustee. In the care of his fine farm of two hundred and sixty-five acres Mr. Harrod has the assistance of Mr. Marion Hughes, who has been with him for many years.

Mr. Hughes was born August 18, 1874, in Kent county, Delaware, a son of William Hughes, a native of Ireland. His grandfather Hughes, who was born in Ireland, was sent to London, England to complete his education, and while attending a banquet in that city was made drunk on wine and placed by his companions aboard a sailing vessel bound for America. He subsequently married a Welsh lady, and having taken up one thousand acres of land in Delaware resided there until his death. William Hughes married Amy Price, who was also a native of Wales. Marion Hughes was educated in the district schools of Delaware, and was there trained to habits of industry and thrift. Coming to Ohio in 1893, he entered the employ of Mr. Harrod on January 2, 1894, and with the exception of one year spent in Illinois, one year in Iowa, and a few months in Oklahoma, has since been in his service, proving himself an able and faithful assistant.

THOMAS N. HICKMAN, who has been a resident of Morrow county, Ohio, since 1866, is a representative citizen of this section of the fine old Buckeye state and is a veteran of the Civil war, in which he sacrificed an arm in defense of the Union. He has been identified with various lines of enterprise during his active business career, but for the past fifteen years has been an invalid. Mr. Hickman traces his paternal lineage to the English, and the Hick-

mans immigrated to the United States in 1862 with William Penn. The Nickols family came from Holland about the same time as the Hickmans. He was born at Mount Vernon, Ohio, on the 6th of August, 1842, and is a son of Robert F. and Harriet (Niekols) Hickman, the former of whom was a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom claimed Loudoun county, Virginia, as the place of her birth. The father was born in 1806 and was a child of seven years of age at the time of his parents' removal from the old Keystone state of the Union to Chester township, Morrow county, Ohio. He was a Methodist minister from 1827 to 1839 and in the latter year he turned his attention to the legal profession. He was a lawyer of note in Ohio and practised his profession at Somerset and New Lexington, Perry county, for a number of years. He was the first probate judge of Perry county and in that office served with distinction for fully twelve years. Willis G. Hickman, brother of Thomas N., served two terms as county commissioner and two terms as treasurer of Athens county, Ohio. Robert F. Hickman became the father of seven children, three of whom are living at the present time, namely: Emma M., who is the widow of Hector B. Keeler, and she resides in Seattle, Washington; Willis G., of Nelsonville, Ohio where he is a druggist; and Thomas N., of this review. Mrs. Robert F. Hickman was summoned to the life eternal November 2, 1842, at which time Thomas N. was an infant of three months.

After the death of his mother Thomas N. Hickman was taken into the home of his paternal grandparents, who resided at Mount Vernon, Ohio. He was reared and schooled by them until he had attained to the age of ten years, when he returned to his father. As a youth he was apprenticed to the printer's trade and he was thus engaged until the fall of 1860, when he entered St. Joseph's College, at Somerset, Ohio, in which he was a student until the following April. He then, with Mike V. Sheridan and several others, enlisted as a private in the Seventeenth Ohio Infantry, in which he was enrolled until the 27th of April, 1861, at which time he reenlisted in the Eighteenth United States Infantry. He was a dashing and gallant soldier and participated in one of the important battles marking the progress of the war, that of Stone river. On the 31st of December, 1862, he was wounded at this engagement and was discharged for disability on the 16th of March, 1863. As a result of his wound he lost his right arm, this representing one of the infinity of sacrifices made for the cause of the Union in the Civil war. After completing his military service, Mr. Hickman returned to Perry county, where he read law for a time under the able preceptorship of his father. Subsequently he became a painter, traveling from town to town, painting signs and fences, he being a pioneer in that particular line of enterprise. In 1866 he came to Morrow county, where he devoted his time and attention to the trade of painting until 1895, when he

was stricken down with anchoylosis, or disease of the joints, and has been an invalid for the past fifteen years.

In politics Mr. Hickman maintains an independent attitude, giving his support to the men and measures meeting with the approval of his judgment. For two years he was incumbent of the office of coroner of Morrow county and in all his dealings in public and private life he has been most honorable and straightforward. As a reward for his loyal service to the Union in her time of need he now receives a pension of fifty-five dollars a month. Fraternally he is affiliated with Cardintgon Lodge, No. 194, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In the year 1867 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hickman to Miss Jane S. Mosher, a daughter of John and Deborah (Andrews) Mosher, both of whom are deceased. To this union were born six children, five of whom are living: Halwin is engaged as a stone mason in Morrow county; Lefa is the wife of James S. Randolph of Marion, Ohio; John W. is a minister in the Friends church and resides in the city of Cleveland, Ohio; Robert F. died at the age of thirty-two years; George is a farmer in Morrow county, Ohio; and Thomas S. is a student in the Cleveland Bible Institute, at Cleveland.

JAMES R. WYKER is recognized as one of the most progressive farmers of Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio. He believes in up-to-date, scientific methods in farming as well as in other lines of business, and with his son is engaged in operations according to this plan.

Mr. Wyker was born in Knox county, Ohio, April 20, 1851, a son of William and Catherine (Struble) Wyker, both natives of New Jersey. William Wyker when a young man of twenty-one years came west to Ohio, and here married and reared his family. After the death of his wife, which occurred in March, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven years, he went to Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he now makes his home, at this writing being eighty-five years of age. Their family consisted of four sons and three daughters, namely: James R., John D., Kate L., Hattie, Hulda, Okey and Edward.

James R. Wyker passed his boyhood days not unlike those of other farmer boys in Knox county and received his education in the Luzerne schools. When he reached his majority he hired out to his father to work on the farm by the month, and continued thus occupied for years after his marriage, which event took place on October 9, 1878. His wife, formerly Miss Sylva Blair, is a daughter of John Blair and a granddaughter of William and Mary Blair, who were of Pennsylvania-German origin and who migrated to Ohio from Pennsylvania as early as 1810. John Blair was the first white child born west of Fredericktown, the date of his birth being 1812. He died in 1899. Mrs. Wyker's mother,

Artemisa (Stevens) Blair, died in 1880, at the age of seventy-four years. As her inheritance, Mrs. Wyker received from her father's estate one hundred and fifty-five acres in the northeast corner of Franklin township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wyker, three in number, are as follows: Herbert (who died in infancy), Calvin Homer and John Blair. Calvin H. was born February 4, 1883; is a graduate of the Fredericktown high school, and took a course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, preparatory to fitting himself for the medical profession. He pursued his medical studies at Starling Medical University, Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated in 1908. He is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Rushville, Ohio. The other son, John Blair, is engaged in farming with his father. He was born June 1, 1889. After his graduation, in 1908, from the Fredericktown high school he entered the State University and began an agricultural course which he expects to complete. A special feature of the John Blair farm is the maple orchard, a grove of four hundred and fifty trees, from which they manufacture maple syrup, for the purity and excellent quality of which they have made a reputation, their average syrup yield being about one hundred and seventy-five gallons. Their brand is "Wyker's Pure Maple Syrup." While the majority of farmers in this locality are denuding their land, the Wykers take the opposite course, and have recently planted two hundred young maples, thus adding to the value of their grove.

Mr. Wyker and his family are members of the Waterford Presbyterian church, and politically he is a Democrat.

DANIEL J. DONOVAN certainly deserves representation among the men who have been influential in public affairs in Cardington, Morrow county, Ohio. He has done much to advance the wheels of progress, aiding materially in the development of business activity and energy, on which depend the prosperity and growth of this state. He has found in each transition stage opportunity for further effort and broader labor and his enterprise has not only contributed to his individual success but has also been of marked value to the community in which he makes his home.

Mr. Donovan was born in Cardington on the 15th of August, 1868, and is a son of Jerry and Anna (Bradley) Donovan, both of whom were born and reared in Ireland, where their marriage was solemnized and whence they immigrated to the United States about the year 1851, locating at Cardington, where the father secured employment as a mechanic for the Big Four Railroad Company. Later he opened a shop of his own and he continued to be identified with the work of his trade during the remainder of his life, his death having occurred in the year 1882. His cherished and devoted wife survives him and is now maintaining her home with her son, Daniel J., of this review in Cardington, Ohio. Mr.

and Mrs. Donovan became the parents of eleven children, all of whom are now deceased except the immediate subject of this sketch. Daniel J. was reared in the town of Cardington, to whose public schools he is indebted for his educational training. At the age of fourteen years he entered upon an apprenticeship at the telegrapher's trade in this city, and after completing it he had charge of an office in Dellington, Ohio. In 1884 he resigned his position and returned home where he entered into the grocery business with his brothers. In 1884 the brothers purchased the establishment of W. H. Marvin & Company and a few years later they purchased the building in which the business is now located, on the corner of Marion and Second streets. Mr. Donovan has the leading grocery establishment in Cardington and does a large business in retail and also some wholesale business. He has a large, clean, fresh stock of merchandise and his cordial and genial manner makes him a favorite with the people. All of his brothers are deceased. Aside from his other interests he is a stockholder and director in the First National Bank of Cardington and he owns a half interest in the Kries block, on Main street. He owns some valuable residence property in the city, one of his holdings being the Kries homestead.

In the year 1899 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Donovan to Miss Nellie Cleary, of Delaware, Ohio. She is a lady of pleasing address and personality, and ably fills her place as hostess in their comfortable and hospitable residence. To this union have been born three children, namely: Eustelle, Joseph and Robert.

In politics Mr. Donovan accords a stalwart allegiance to the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor and he and his wife are devout communicants of the Catholic church, St. Mary's, at Cardington, Ohio, in the various departments of whose work they have been most active factors. While undoubtedly he has not been without that honorable ambition which is so powerful and useful as an incentive to activity in public affairs, Mr. Donovan regards the pursuits of private life as being in themselves abundantly worthy of his best efforts. In the community affairs he is active and influential and his support is readily and generously given to many measures projected for the general progress and improvement. His life history is certainly worthy of commendation and emulation, for along honorable and straightforward lines he has won the success which crowns his efforts and makes him one of the substantial residents of Cardington.

ALPHEOUS L. PIPES.—Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Morrow county who occupies a more enviable position in commercial, industrial and financial circles than does Alpheous L. Pipes, not alone on account of the brilliant success he has achieved, but also on account of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of



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perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution, and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which is his to-day. He stands as one of the foremost merchants in this part of the state and in other lines his business has assumed large proportion, but while laboring for his own success he has also promoted the general prosperity by pushing forward the wheels of progress and advancing the commercial prestige of the county in which he makes his home.

Alpheous L. Pipes was born in Harmony township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 7th of March, 1864, a son of Harod and Mary J. (Sellers) Pipes, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Harod Pipes was identified with agricultural pursuits during the major portion of his active business career and he was summoned to the life eternal on the 20th of June, 1903; his wife passed away on the 29th of September, 1909. They were the parents of six children: three sons and three daughters, concerning whom the following brief record is here inserted: Allie is the wife of Ed Vance and resides at Cardington, this county; Alpheous L. is the immediate subject of this review; Joseph H. and Jeremiah are both prominent farmers in Harmony township; Cora is the wife of W. F. Hildebrand, of Morrow county, and Mertie is now Mrs. Lyman P. Ulrey and maintains her home in Morrow county. Alpheous L. Pipes was reared to adult age on the home farm in Harmony township and after completing the curriculum of the district schools of his birth place he was for two years a student in the high school at Chesterville. After leaving school he devoted his entire time and attention to farming until 1891, in which year he engaged in the hotel business at Fulton, continuing to be identified with that line of enterprise for about one year, at the expiration of which he launched forth in the hardware business. In 1904 he added to his original concern a general stock of groceries, dry-goods, boots and shoes and notions. His establishment is practically a well equipped department store and it has been said concerning him that he handles everything from a needle to an automobile or threshing machine. His fine line of business and the large patronage to which he caters are the result of his own well directed endeavors. In addition to his store enterprise he is a stockholder in the People's Savings Bank at Mount Gilead, and is also a stockholder in the Ohio State Life Insurance Company.

On the 31st of October, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Pipes to Miss Iona M. Graham, who is a daughter of Benton and Candace (Selover) Graham and whose birth occurred on the 27th of May, 1865. Benton Graham was born in Congress township, Morrow county, and his wife was born in Franklin township. Benton is a son of Samuel Graham, who was born and reared in the state of Pennsylvania, whence he came to the fine old Buckeye state of the Union. Mrs. Pipes is from a large family of eleven

children and all living but the mother. Mr. Graham is seventy-four years old and in good health. Mrs. Pipes grew up on the old home farm in Congress township and she early availed herself of the advantages afforded in the district and high school at Mount Gilead. She was very studious and bright and for seven years prior to her marriage was a popular and successful teacher in the public schools of Morrow county. Mr. and Mrs. Pipes have three children, namely: Delta Mae, born July 8, 1891, was graduated at the Cardington high school in 1909. She attended school at Granville one year and will pursue a business course in the following year. Mabel F., whose birth occurred on the 31st of January, 1894, is now a student in the Cardington high school. Pliny P., born April 12, 1896, is attending public school at Fulton. All the children are at the parental home.

In politics Mr. Pipes accords an unswerving allegiance to the principles of the Democratic party and while he has never been anxious for the honors or emoluments of political office of any description he has ever manifested a keen interest in all matters touching the general welfare. He is a member of Fulton Lodge, No. 433, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his wife is affiliated with the Daughters of Rebecca, in which she is vice grand of the Fulton Lodge. Mr. Pipes is a man of distinct and forceful individuality, of marked sagacity, of undaunted enterprise, and in manner he is genial, courteous and easily approachable. His career has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world and as a citizen he holds no mean place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

PROFESSOR MILTON C. LEHNER.—A man of scholarly tastes and ambitions, Professor Milton C. Lehner has met with much success in his career as an educator, and as superintendent of the Blooming Grove school is filling the position with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. A son of C. F. Lehner, he was born November 19, 1889, in Cardington township, Morrow county, Ohio, of excellent German stock, his grandfather, Christian F. Lehner, having been born in Germany, near Heidelberg.

C. F. Lehner, a prosperous farmer of Cardington township, married Catherine D. Kuehner, a daughter of Joseph and Magdalena Kuehner, natives of Germany, and into their household five children were born, namely: George J., of Marion, Ohio; Emma, wife of Hollie Fate; Milton C., the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; Mary C., and Clara M.

Brought up on the home farm, Milton C. Lehner obtained his elementary education in the district schools of Cardington township, and was graduated from the Cardington high school with the class of 1907. Entering upon a professional career, he taught in the district school for two years, and in 1909 and 1910 was principal of the Edison school. Professor Lehner was then elected super-

intendent of the Blooming Grove school for the school year of 1910 and 1911, and is performing the duties resting upon him in this capacity most successfully. This is a special district school and has two teachers and thirty-six pupils, all of whom are making good progress under the Professor's instruction and superintendence. Professor Lehner has continued his studies at the Wooster Summer school, in Wooster, Ohio, and now holds a high school certificate good for three years. The school of which he has charge is a third grade chartered high school, and when a school of higher rank is needed here it will, without doubt, be raised to a first grade high school. The Professor is independent in politics, voting as his conscience dictates, without regard to party prejudices. He will enter school at Wooster in the summer of 1911.

ANDREW M. ROSE.—The history of Andrew M. Rose shows how potent an element is persistent purpose in the active affairs of life. Dependent upon his own resources at an early age, he went into debt for land in Lincoln township, Morrow county, where he applied himself vigorously to the work at hand and where he steadily worked his way upward. Being imbued with a laudable ambition to attain something better than ordinary success he gradually advanced in those walks of life demanding business ability and fidelity to duty and to-day commands the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Rose is a native of Cass township, Richland county, Ohio, where his birth occurred on the 23d of February, 1839. His parents, Thomas T. and Elizabeth A. (Armstrong) Rose, were born in Sussex county, New Jersey, and Erie county, Ohio, respectively. The father was born on the 13th of July, 1814, and was a son of Aaron Rose, whose birth occurred in New Jersey on the 5th of October, 1782. Aaron Rose came to Richland county, Ohio, with his family in 1828, and he was identified with agricultural interests in that section during the remainder of his life, his death having occurred on the 27th of September, 1849. He was the father of the following named children: Frederick, Thomas T., William, Andrew, May A., Emily, Margaret, Martha and Isabelle, the father of the subject of this review being the second in order of birth. Aaron Rose was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he was an active participant in the public affairs of Richland county during his lifetime. Thomas T. Rose was afforded good educational advantages in his youth and as he reached man's estate he turned his attention to the ministry, becoming a preacher in the United Brethren church and traveling in connection with his calling for some ten years. He married Miss Elizabeth A. Armstrong on the 12th of July, 1837, and they became the parents of eight children: Andrew M., Catharine, Mina, Eliza, Seaberry Ford, Alice E., Emma and Charles H. Catharine and Eliza are deceased and Mina is the widow of Judson Benton, of

Shiloh, Ohio. Mr. Rose was summoned to eternal rest on the 8th of October, 1864, and his cherished and devoted wife, who was born on the 1st of March, 1818, survived him for fully two-score years, her death having occurred on the 3d of August, 1905, at the venerable age of eighty-seven years.

Andrew M. Rose, the immediate subject of this review, was sixteen years of age at the time when his father was appointed to the United Brethren church at Cardington, where the family resided for a period of five years. He had been educated in the public schools of Richland county and after his marriage, in 1859, he worked by the day for a time and eventually went into debt for land in Lincoln township, where he continued to be engaged in diversified agriculture until 1903, in which year he retired from active business affairs and removed to Cardington, where he is now living in the enjoyment of former years of earnest toil and endeavor. With the passage of time Mr. Rose became a most successful farmer and after paying for his land he raised the same to a high state of cultivation and introduced the best of improvements. At the time of the Civil war he was an ardent Union man and on the 24th of October, 1863, he enlisted as a member of Company F, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He saw much active service in the Sixteenth Army Corps in the Army of the Tennessee, participating in many of the important conflicts marking the progress of the war, and after the fall of Atlanta he was transferred to the Fifteenth Corps, accompanying General Sherman on his ever memorable march to the sea. He was never wounded while in service and at the close of war received his honorable discharge. He retains a deep and abiding interest in his old comrades in arms and signifies the same by membership in James St. John Post, No. 82, Grand Army of the Republic. He is the recipient of a pension of fifteen dollars a month as a reward for his services to the country in the time of her direst need.

In politics Mr. Rose accords a loyal allegiance to the cause of the Republican party, and although he was never anxious for political preferment he gave most efficient service as clerk of Lincoln township for a period of twenty-five years, acquitting himself most creditably in the demands of that office. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with Bennington Lodge, No. 433, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Fulton, Ohio, and in the same is past grand. He and his wife are most worthy citizens and their home is a recognized center of refined and generous hospitality.

On April 6, 1859, Mr. Rose was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Click, who was born in Franklin county, Ohio, on the 13th of January, 1840, and who is a daughter of Andrew and Sarah (Alsbaugh) Click, who established their home in Lincoln township, this county, when Catharine was a child of four years of age. She was educated in the public schools of this county and is a woman of most gracious personality, being deeply beloved by all who have

come within the sphere of her gentle influence. Mr. and Mrs. Rose became the parents of two children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Ada A., born on the 11th of January, 1860, is the wife of James R. Sage, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Lincoln township; and Judson H., born on the 25th of March, 1863, resides on his father's farm in Lincoln township. He married Miss Sarah J. Ocher and they have one son, Avon M., whose birth occurred on the 3d of November, 1897. The grandson is attending school at Fulton, Ohio.

In every sense of the word Mr. Rose and his estimable wife are representative citizens whose loyalty and public spirit have been of the most insistent order. He is a man of extensive information and broad human sympathy and no one in the community holds a higher place in popular confidence and esteem.

BYRON DAVIS, a well known and highly respected farmer of Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio, was born in Richland county, this state, August 12, 1846, a son of Thomas J. and Caroline M. Davis.

Thomas J. Davis, a native of the "Keystone state," born December 4, 1821, left Pennsylvania when he was eighteen years of age and came to Ohio, making settlement near Fredericktown. Here for a time he rented and leased land, and finally he bought a two acre tract near Hagerstown. By hard work and careful economy he saved enough money with which to purchase eighty acres of land in Richland county. This gave him a start. Then he bought, developed and sold other tracts, and in 1890 bought his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Franklin township. In his youth he took advantage of his educational opportunities and was more or less of a student all his life. In addition to conducting farming operations, he taught school for a time at Woodbury. On December 4, 1845, he married Miss Caroline Hipsley, daughter of Caleb and Charlotte Hipsley, natives of Maryland and pioneers of the Western Reserve. Her maternal grandfather—Grandfather Nelson—was a noted Methodist minister in early days. It was in 1830 that the Hipsley family crossed the mountains on their way to the new home in Ohio, the journey being made in a covered wagon. Arrived in Knox county, the elder Hipsley purchased a hundred acres of land near Fredericktown, where he settled and prospered exceedingly. His children were George, Elizabeth, Caroline M., Hannah and Lottie America, all now deceased.

Caroline M. Hipsley was born September 19, 1823, in Frederick City, Maryland, and was a child of nine years when the family came to Ohio. After her marriage to Thomas J. Davis they resided for a time in Richland county, coming from there to Morrow county, which was ever afterward their home. To their union were born four children, namely: Byron, whose name introduces

this review, and Henry R., George and Mary, all deceased, Mary having died in infancy. Henry R., the youngest son, was drowned while bathing in the river at Delaware in June, 1883. He was twenty-four years of age, and at the time of his death was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University. George lived to be forty-two years of age and died at home February 27, 1900. The father died after a lingering illness, December 29, 1890. He was buried in the Baptist cemetery. The remains of the son Henry R. who was interred at the "Shauck" cemetery near Johnsville, were brought from there and placed by the father's side at the same time.

Mrs. Davis died February 28, 1911, aged eighty-seven years.

Her own testimony was that she was converted to God one Sabbath on her way to Sabbath school and united with the church when fourteen years of age. It was her delight to hear the word of God expounded, and on the occasion of pastoral calls she was always very appreciative of the comfort and counsel given. She had the adornment of a meek and quiet spirit, refined and purified through much tribulation. Her later years were passed amidst comfortable and happy surroundings, and, mellowing in experience with the increase of her years, when the end came she was as a shock of corn, ready for the garner of God. At home in the midst of her family she had much peace, and her very last years were filled with delight in the possession of her grandchild who was named for her. Besides her son and his family, there were twenty-four nieces and nephews on both sides who share in their sorrow.

Byron Davis and Verna V. Watson were united in marriage December 31, 1903, and they were the parents of one child, Mary Caroline, born July 13, 1907. Mrs. Byron Davis was born January 22, 1880, a daughter of William and Rosanna (Elder) Watson, who reside in Perry township and aged, respectively, seventy-one and sixty-four years, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio.

IRA E. COOMER.—Through well directed efforts in connection with the great basic industry under whose effective discipline he was reared Mr. Coomer has gained precedence as one of the representative farmers and stock-growers of his native county and township, where he has so guided his course as to retain at all times the unqualified esteem and confidence of all who know him. His finely improved farm of one hundred acres, known as "Pinehurst," is eligibly located in Peru township, and on every side are patent evidences of thrift and prosperity. Mr. Coomer is a seion of one of the sterling pioneer families of this favored section of the old Buckeye state, with whose history the name has been identified for more than four score years, and his personal standing as well as his ancestral prestige render most consonant a review of his career within the pages of this history of his native county, where he has applied his energies as to gain success and independence of no uncertain order.

On the old homestead of his father in Peru township, Morrow county, Ira E. Coomer was born on the 19th of April, 1858, and thus it may be well understood that this fine section of his native county is endeared to him by the gracious memories and associations of the past as well as by those of the present time, involving his connection with both civic and industrial affairs. He is a son of William and Barbara A. (Place) Coomer, the former of whom was born in Delaware county, Ohio, a son of Ira W. Coomer, who was born in the state of New York, as was also his father, Benjamin Coomer. The family was founded in America in the Colonial era of our national history and the major number of its representatives have followed agricultural pursuits. Ira W. Coomer came from the old Empire state to Ohio in 1828 and numbered himself among the pioneers of the central part of this commonwealth. Here he reclaimed a productive farm from the forest wilderness and here both he and his wife passed the residue of their lives. Of their thirteen children William was the eldest, and of the number six are now living, namely: Leander, Adelbert, Sophia, Mary E., Viola and Priscilla.

William Coomer was reared to maturity on the old pioneer homestead and contributed his quota to its reclamation and development. He never wavered in his allegiance to the great industry of agriculture and through the same he eventually became numbered among the representative farmers of Peru township, Morrow county, where he commanded secure vantage ground in the confidence and good will of his fellow men. He was a man of sterling character—honest and industrious and loyal to all the duties of citizenship. He was summoned to the life eternal in 1884, and his venerable widow still resides on the old homestead, secure in the affectionate regard of all who have come within the sphere of her gracious influence. William Coomer and Barbara A. Place were married in Morrow county and here they reared their seven children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth: Elmore, Ira E., Leonora, Irene, Emma, Frederick and Willington. All of the children are still living except Leonora, whose death occurred in 1896.

Ira E. Coomer's early experiences were those gained in connection with the work of the old homestead farm, which was the place of his birth, and thus he learned the value and dignity of earnest toil and endeavor, the while he duly availed himself of the advantages afforded in the public schools of the locality. He continued to be associated in the work and management of the home farm until he had attained to his legal majority and he then went to Illinois, where he found employment at farm work and other occupations, as did he later also in the state of Kansas. He was absent from his native state somewhat more than three years and in the meanwhile he carefully conserved his earnings, so that he had a modest capital upon his return to Ohio, in 1883. In 1885

he married and he and his bride established their home in a two-room log cabin, in which they resided for a short time. Mr. Coomer then rented a farm in Peru township, and there he initiated his independent efforts as an agriculturist and stock-grower. Indefatigable industry and careful management marked his course under these conditions and he bent every energy to the work in hand, with the laudable purpose of securing eventually a farm of his own. Economy ruled in the household and all other departments of the farm, and in 1890 he had accumulated sufficient capitalistic reserve to justify him in the purchase of twenty acres of land in section 2, Peru township. This formed the nucleus of his present fine farm of one hundred acres and it may readily be understood that the advancement made was through consecutive industry and determined purpose. His present homestead, "Pinehurst," was purchased by Mr. Coomer in 1900, and the property is most eligibly located two and one-half miles east of the village of Ashley. The buildings on the place are of substantial order, with modern equipment and facilities, and the owner has shown much discrimination in improving the property, which has been brought up to high standard, though he still consults ways and means to increase still further the productivity of his land and to gain the maximum returns from his various operations, in which he makes use of the best modern appliances and scientific methods. In connection with diversified agriculture Mr. Coomer raises high-grade live stock, and in this latter department he is devoting special attention to the breeding of registered Merino sheep.

That one animated by such definite ambition in connection with personal affairs should also be liberal and progressive as a citizen is a foregone conclusion. Thus Mr. Coomer has ever been ready to give his influence and cooperation in the furtherance of measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of the community, and he is well fortified in his opinions as to matters of public import. He accords a stanch allegiance to the Republican party, and the confidence and esteem reposed in him in his native township have been significantly shown, since he served for a number of years as a member of the board of trustees of Peru township, of which he is assessor at the time of this writing, in 1911. He and his wife are active and valued members of the local organizations of the fraternity known as the Gleaners, and the family is distinctively popular in connection with the best social activities of the home community.

In the year 1885 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Coomer to Miss Allie E. Eckles, who was born and reared in Delaware county, this state. She attended the public schools of Ashley, that county, until she had attained to the age of sixteen years, and later came with her parents to Morrow county, where she remained at the parental home until her marriage to Mr. Coomer. As already intimated, the honeymoon of the young couple was passed in

their little log cabin of two rooms, where they lived one year, and then lived on a rented farm until 1890, when they removed to their small farm of twenty acres, where the household accommodations were of better order. Their present home is far different than that in which they initiated their married life and they are fully appreciative of its advantages and attractions, the while they here find pleasure in extending a generous hospitality to their wide circle of friends.

In conclusion of this brief sketch is entered the following record concerning the children of Mr. and Mrs. Coomer: Joseph, who was born on the 1st of January, 1886, was graduated in the high school at Cardington, this county, as a member of the class of 1906, after which he taught school for a time, and he is now a student in the Bliss Business College at Columbus, the capital of the state, in which institution he will have completed his course before this publication is issued from the press; Carrie B., who was born September 12, 1890, is an expert stenographer but she is now married to Guy Legg and lives in Ashley, Ohio; the three younger children are to be found beneath the home roof-tree, their names and respective dates of birth being as here noted: Elbert, May 10, 1892; Frederick M., November 16, 1898; and Margaret E., July 22, 1904.

JOSEPH H. YEAGER.—A representative agriculturist of Morrow county, Joseph H. Yeager is a well-known resident of North Bloomfield township, where his finely cultivated and well appointed farm gives substantial evidence of the excellent care and skill with which it is managed. He was born October 12, 1844, in Laneaster, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, coming from sturdy German ancestry, his paternal grandparents having been born, reared and educated in Germany.

William Yeager, his father, spent his earlier life in Pennsylvania. In 1850 he came with his family to Ohio, making the journey through the forests with teams, bringing with him all of his worldly possessions. Locating in Troy township, Morrow county, he there rounded out a long life, passing away in the ninetieth year of his age. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Harriet Dase, seven children were born, five of whom grew to years of maturity and four are now, in the spring of 1911, living, as follows: Amanda, wife of Levi Texter; Belinda, wife of Wesley Texter; Mary, widow of Alonzo Carpenter; and Joseph H.

Joseph H. Yeager, a lad of six years when he came with his parents to Morrow county, well remembers the long ride in the covered wagon and the camping and cooking by the wayside. He obtained a practical education in the district schools, and soon after the breaking out of the Civil war ran away from home to join the army. His father realized that he was not old enough or strong

enough to endure the hardships of a soldier's life and refused to allow him to enlist. Beginning life then as a wage-earner, he worked by the day or month until twenty-five years old, when, having been wise in his savings and prudent in his expenditures, he found himself with a bank account amounting to eight hundred dollars. Then, in partnership with his brother-in-law he bought eighty acres of land in North Bloomfield township, and was busily employed in its management for four years, when he sold his interest in the place. He subsequently bought forty acres in the same township, and has since added to his landed possessions and now owns eighty acres of well tilled land, and has a half interest, besides, in ninety-one acres. In his agricultural operations Mr. Yeager has met with uniform prosperity and is one of the leading men of his community. Enterprising and active, he invested in a threshing outfit many years ago, being one of the first men in this part of the county to own a threshing machine, and each harvest season finds him one of the busiest of men, his services being in demand throughout the neighborhood.

Mr. Yeager has been twice married. He married first Mary E. Klinefelter, a daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Kiefer) Klinefelter. She passed to the life beyond May 1, 1890, leaving six children, as follows: May, wife of Grant Haldeman, of Marion, Ohio; Daisy D., wife of Edwin Croft, of Mansfield, Ohio; Edith, wife of Charles Garverick, of Troy township; Clara, wife of Ira Garverick; Carlson J., living at home; and Bertha, living at home. Mr. Yeager married for his second wife, January 26, 1893, Jennie F. Stull, who was born April 28, 1868, in Morrow county, a daughter of George Stull. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Yeager, namely: Cloyd, born November 2, 1896; Glenn, born May 3, 1899; Kenneth, born July 8, 1906; and Jennie M., born September 1, 1908.

In his political affiliations Mr. Yeager is a Democrat, and has filled various local offices, having been township trustee, assessor for eight years and land appraiser for North Bloomfield township. He is a member and one of the directors of the Morrow County Agricultural Society, and both he and his wife belong to the Johnsville Grange, of which he has been master, while she is now lecturer for the local grange. Both Mr. and Mrs. Yeager are members of the United Evangelical church of Troy township, and liberal contributors towards its support. Fraternally Mr. Yeager belongs to Johnsville Lodge, No. 469, I. O. O. F., of which he is past noble grand. The pretty homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Yeager is known as "The Maple Grove Farm."

UPTON J. COVER, who has for years figured as one of the representative business men of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, is now engaged in the seed business, with headquarters in the Center Block, on Center street.

Mr. Cover was born in Morrow county October 10, 1853, a son of Jason J. and Catherine (King) Cover, and was reared in the village of Johnsville in Perry township, this county, where his father was both a farmer and merchant. After completing his common school studies he went to Westerville, where he entered Otterbein University and pursued a course of study. Returning home, he worked for his father on the farm and in the store until 1878, when he engaged in the grain business at Edison, Ohio. After two years spent at that place he sold his interests there and then, in 1880, associated himself as a partner with Mozier Brothers in the grain and seed business at Mt. Gilead. In 1890 Mozier Brothers sold their interest in the business, and the firm became Levering and Cover, which continued five years. Afterward Mr. Cover continued the grain business, which claimed his attention until 1905, when he sold out to Wagoner Brothers. Since that time he has conducted a seed business. He has a three-fifths interest in the building in which his store is situated, and where he has a prosperous business, and he owns several residences in Mt. Gilead and one in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Cover married Sarah Held, of Johnsville, Ohio, in 1879, and they have two sons: Donn, a clerk in the post office at Mt. Gilead, was born October 30, 1883, and Franklin, born October 22, 1895, has entered Mt. Gilead high school.

Politically Mr. Cover is a Republican. Religiously he is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church of Mt. Gilead, in which he is prominent and active, being a trustee and member of the official board.

GEORGE W. MODIE was for many years a leading and influential citizen of this section of the fine old Buckeye state and his activity in business affairs, his cooperation in public interests and his zealous support of all public objects that he believed would contribute to the material, social or moral improvement of the community kept him in the foremost rank of those to whom this county owes its development and present position as one of the leading commercial and agricultural regions of Ohio. His life was characterized by upright, honorable principles and it also exemplified the truth of the Emersonian philosophy that "The way to win a friend is to be one." His genial, kindly manner won him the kind regard and good will of all with whom he came in contact and thus his death was uniformly mourned throughout this district. He was a fine old veteran of the Civil war and during the major portion of his active career was engaged in agricultural operations on his fine farm east of Chesterville. He was summoned to the life eternal on the 27th of May, 1885, and is survived by his cherished and devoted wife.

At Mansfield, Ohio, on the 8th of October, 1832, occurred the birth of George W. Modie, who was a son of William and Margaret

(Gates) Modie, both of whom were natives of this state. William Modie was twice married, and by his first union was the father of two sons—Milton and Wesley. His second marriage was prolific of nine children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth: George, Sanford, Martin, William, Mary, Martha J., Margaret A., Minerva I. and Emma. George W. Modie, the immediate subject of this review, received his elementary educational training in the Washington district school and at the age of twenty-two years, when President Lincoln issued his first call for volunteers to defend the cause of the Union, his intrinsic loyalty to his country caused him to enlist as a soldier in Company A, Twentieth Regiment, Third Division of the Seventeenth Army Corps. He immediately proceeded to the front and after the expiration of his three years' term of enlistment he reenlisted for the remainder of the war. He participated in a number of important engagements marking the progress of the war and he also accompanied Sherman on that general's memorable march to the sea. After the close of the sanguinary conflict he went to Washington, where he took part in the Grand Review, in which the hosts of brave veterans marched up Pennsylvania avenue in the Capital city and lay down their arms, the worthy recipients of a nation's gratitude and praise.

Returning home to Ohio in 1865, Mr. Modie was variously engaged until after his marriage, in 1868, when he turned his attention to farming on the old home estate three miles east of Chester-ville. This farm comprises forty-three acres of most arable land and on it Mr. Modie was engaged in diversified agriculture and the raising of high-grade stock. He was a blacksmith by trade and worked at that occupation off and on as long as his health would permit. In his political adherency he was a staunch supporter of the cause promulgated by the Democratic party. In his religious faith he was a consistent member of the Chesterville Baptist church, and he was for twenty years the efficient incumbent of the office of church treasurer. He was a man of fine moral caliber, broad information and charitable impulses, and in all the relations of life he so conducted himself as to command the unalloyed regard of all with whom he came in contact.

On the 20th of October, 1868, Mr. Modie was united in marriage to Miss Isabel E. Nye, of Chester township. She is a daughter of W. W. and Martha (Ball) Nye, the latter of whom was a daughter of Uzell and Penina (Lyon) Ball. Mr. Nye's mother was a school teacher in New York prior to her marriage to Samuel Nye, of New Hampshire. She was related to Josiah Bartlett, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. While Mr. and Mrs. Modie were never blessed with any of their own children they took into their home and reared to maturity a boy named Lewis Howell, who was a soldier in the Spanish-American war. After his return home from Porto Rico Mr. Howell contracted diphtheria and died, at the age of thirty-two years.

Through their energy and industry Mr. and Mrs. Modie had been enabled to build for themselves a fine and comfortable home, but as a result of debts arising from his long illness and subsequent death the grief-stricken widow found herself facing a debt of two thousand dollars. Determined to retain her home, she borrowed enough money to eradicate the indebtedness and after a number of years of close and persistent management she was enabled to cancel the debt against her property. After her husband's death she took a young girl, Rose Dement, into her home and cared for her until her twenty-seventh year, when she became the wife of Wilbur Buckmaster. Mrs. Modie is a woman of unusual liberality and being very much interested in homeless boys and girls she has frequently harbored orphans and helped them to places of independence. In connection with her varied interests she is an extensive contributor to a number of newspapers. She has traveled extensively and visited each of the following expositions: Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis and Jamestown, and she is an annual attendant at the World's International Stock Show at Chicago. She is a brilliant woman, an interesting conversationalist and an exceedingly popular hostess. She is a member of the local lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star and recently gave a memorial recitation to her fraternity sisters, the name of her selection being "The End of the Labyrinth." She also holds the office of state inspector of the Ladies Grand Army members, having been elected thereto at the last state encampment of that organization at Florida. She passes her winters at Kissimmee, Florida, where the southern sunshine and flowers have won her heart.

EDWARD D. MECKLEY.—A man of ability and scholarly attainments, Edward D. Meckley, of Troy township, has for many years been actively associated with the development and advancement of the educational interests of Morrow county, and has won a far more than local reputation as a faithful and efficient educator. A son of Andrew Meckley, he was born September 12, 1863, in Crawford county, Ohio. His paternal grandfather, David Meckley, came with his family, sometime in the early forties, to what is now Troy township in Morrow county, Ohio, from Pennsylvania, his native state, and here spent his remaining days. To him and his wife seven children, four sons and three daughters, were born, and of these six children were living in the spring of 1911.

A lad of ten or eleven years when he accompanied his parents from York county, Pennsylvania, the place of his birth, to Ohio, Andrew Meckley was brought up in what is now Morrow county, and during his active career has been prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits, his well-improved and highly cultivated farm being advantageously located in Troy township. He is an influential member of the community, and has served as township trustee, assessor and treasurer, in each and every official capacity

proving himself worthy of the trust reposed in him by his fellow-citizens. He married Mary Hassler, and they became the parents of five children, as follows: Laura A., wife of Dr. J. W. Davis, of Anderson, Indiana; Edward D., the subject of this sketch; Emma, who became the wife of C. M. Hershner, of Galion, Ohio, has passed to the higher life; and two children that died in infancy.

Brought up on the old home farm in Troy township, Edward D. Meckley obtained his rudimentary knowledge of books in the district schools of his township, and later continued his studies at the Upper Sandusky High School. Scholarly in his tastes and ambitions, he then entered the Ada Normal School, at Ada, Ohio, where he became well qualified for a professional career, and has since pursued his chosen vocation most successfully, for twenty-eight years having been one of the leading educators of Morrow county, his ability and skill as an instructor being widely recognized.

Mr. Meckley married, September 26, 1888, Winnie May Miller, who was born and educated in Troy township, being a daughter of J. A. and Nancy (Stull) Miller. She died June 9, 1897, leaving three children, namely: Orrie H., a graduate of the Troy township High School and the Anderson (Indiana) High School, is now a teacher in Iberia, Ohio; John E., who was graduated from the Troy township High School, is teaching in North Bloomfield township; and Marie, a pupil in the Troy township High School. Mr. Meckley married for his second wife, Mary B. Lewis, and to them three children have been born, namely; Blanche F., Ruth L. and Mary L.

Politically a Democrat, Mr. Meckley has served continuously as township clerk since 1898. Fraternally he is a member of Lucullus Lodge, No. 121, Knights of Pythias, at Butler, Ohio; and of Live Oak Camp No. 11321, Modern Woodmen of America.

JOHN WILLIAM LEWIS—A man of good business enterprise and much intelligence, John William Lewis, a prosperous farmer of South Bloomfield township, is a fine representative of the self-made men of our times, his life furnishing to the rising generation a forcible example of the material success to be obtained by persevering industry and a wise system of economy. A son of John V. Lewis, he was born February 11, 1862, in Belmont county, Ohio, where he was bred and educated. He is of pure English ancestry, his paternal great-great-grandfather having emigrated to the United States during the later years of the eighteenth century. He was a blacksmith by trade, an occupation which has since been followed by his descendants for five generations, and brought with him from his English home an anvil which is still in possession of the Lewis family.

John V. Lewis, a son of Theodore Lewis, a native-born citizen of Ohio, was born in 1837, in Belmont county, Ohio, and until his

marriage lived with his parents, being, so as to speak, raised in his father's smithy. Succeeding to the ancestral occupation, he became an expert blacksmith, and followed his chosen trade throughout his active life. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia A. Luke, was born April 26, 1841, in Belmont county, Ohio, where her parents, Robert and Ellen Luke, spent their lives, her father attaining the venerable age of ninety years.

After the death of his mother, which occurred when he was eighteen years old, John William Lewis left home, going first to Cardington and later settling in Stantontown, where he operated a blacksmith's shop for a time. After his marriage he lived first in South Woodbury, from there going to Cardington with his family. In 1897 Mr. Lewis purchased in South Bloomfield township his present farm of eighty-five acres, and has since been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. His estate, with its valuable improvements, constituting one of the most attractive and desirable homes in this part of Morrow county.

Mr. Lewis married, April 4, 1885, Emma Clark, who was born June 24, 1860, in Morrow county, Ohio, which was likewise the birthplace of her father, George W. Clark, who was born October 21, 1832, in that part of the county then included in Delaware county. Her great-grandfather, Nathan Clark, was born June 20, 1756, in New York state, and there married, May 25, 1791, Jemima Daggot, who was born June 18, 1771. They became the parents of ten children, all of whom lived to years of maturity. Early in the nineteenth century, his two older children being married and settled in Pennsylvania, he came to Ohio with his wife and the other eight children, coming down the Allegheny river on a raft. Coming to Morrow county, he located on East Alum creek, near a spring, not far from Stantontown, and in the midst of the dense wilderness took up one hundred acres of land from the government. With the assistance of his sons he redeemed a farm from the forest, it being the estate now occupied by Mrs. Lewis' father. His son, Dr. Nathan Clark, a practicing physician, was the father of George W. Clark. Dr. Clark was born in New York state July 18, 1796, and came with his parents to Ohio. He married, January 10, 1830, Eleanor Britt, whose father, John Britt, was a noted pioneer school teacher, some of the text books which he used being now in the possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Lewis.

George W. Clark succeeded to the ownership of the old Clark homestead, near Stantontown, and as an agriculturist has met with excellent success, his farm being under a good state of cultivation and well improved. He married, August 11, 1859, Mary McGregor, who was born June 26, 1840, and died February 20, 1900. She was of Scotch ancestry, as her name indicates, having been a daughter of James L. and Thankful (Thompson) McGregor, who had four sons in the Civil war, one of whom, Rob Roy McGregor, served as captain of a company, while another son, Dr. Leander McGregor,

was a surgeon in the Union army and in later years was a member of the Missouri State Legislature. The McGregors are lineal descendants of Robert McGregor, or Rob Roy, the hero of Scott's novel of that name, a celebrated freebooter of the Scotch Highlands who incurred the displeasure of Robert Bruce, of Scotland, and after the outlawry of his clan assumed the name of Campbell. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Clark, namely: Emma, now Mrs. Lewis; Ella, deceased; William; Alfred; Lettice; deceased; Lutitia; McGregor; Myra, Mary J.; and George.

Ten children have brightened the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, namely: Mattie, born February 1, 1886, taught school six years, and at the age of twenty-three years on August 9, 1909, became the wife of Prof. Wm. A. Danford; Lillie born August 23, 1887, taught school three years, and wedded William O. Bishop on October 16, 1907; Estella, born June 26, 1889, was graduated from Sparta, from the Ashley high school at the age of seventeen years, from the Ohio University, at Ada, with the class of 1908, and has been engaged in teaching for eighteen months, at the present time, 1911, being superintendent of a business college at Washington, C. H., Ohio; Luella, born February 23, 1891, was graduated at Sparta and at Centerburg, and is now engaged in teaching at Bethel; Charles W., born January 17, 1893, graduated at Sparta and took the scholarship and is now a student in Delaware College; Carrie M. and Callie M., twins, born February 4, 1895, are attending the Sparta high school, being members of the senior class; William Le Roy, born October 20, 1896, is a bright pupil in the public schools; Emma Alma, born November 4, 1898, is a pupil in the district school near her home; and Flossie I., born August 29, 1903, died January 5, 1904. These children, as their record reveals, are bright and brainy, and have inherited, without doubt, much of the talent of their gifted mother, who was a successful teacher for ten terms prior to her marriage, and taught one year after becoming a wife. Mr. Lewis and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Sparta, Ohio. Fraternally Mr. Lewis belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, and Mrs. Lewis is a member at large of the Ladies of the Maccabees.

JACOB C. McCORMICK, M. D.—A man who is well versed in the science of his profession and one who has gained distinctive prestige as an able physician and surgeon at Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, where he has been engaged in active practice since 1900, is Dr. Jacob C. McCormick, who was born at Millsboro, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of September, 1861, and who is the son of Reverend J. B. and Sarah (Crawford) McCormick. Reverend J. B. McCormick was a minister in the Methodist Protestant church during the major portion of his active career and he was a man of extensive learning and broad human sympathy. For a number of years he was engaged as a preacher in the Methodist church at

Cardington, this county. The McCormick family traces its ancestry to stanch Scotch-Irish stock and Dr. McCormick is a descendant of Colonel William Crawford who was burned by the Indians in Wyandot county, Ohio. His parents came to Ohio from the old Keystone state in 1868. Reverend and Mrs. McCormick became the parent of eight children, five of whom are now living. The mother died in 1876.

Dr. Jacob C. McCormick was a child of even years of age at the time of the family immigration to Ohio and in the district and graded schools of Morrow county he acquired his preliminary educational training, which was later supplemented by a course of study in the high school at Cambridge, Ohio, in which he was graduated. In 1881 he was matriculated in the academy at New Hagerstown, where he was enrolled as a student for some time, after which he entered Adrian College, at Adrian, Michigan. Subsequently to his leaving the latter institution he was a popular and successful teacher in the public schools at Denmark and Iberia, Morrow county, Ohio, for a period of four years. Developing a desire to study the science of medicine he became a student in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, but after two years' attendance there he entered the Western Reserve College of Medicine, at Cleveland, Ohio, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1890, duly receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He began the practice of his profession at Iosco, Michigan, where he maintained his home for some ten years and where he gained recognition as a skilled physician and surgeon. In 1900 he severed his business connections in that place and returned to Morrow county, Ohio, settling at Mount Gilead, where he has been eminently successful in building up a large and representative practice and where he is known as one of the leading doctors in this section of the state. In connection with his profession he is a valued and appreciative member of the Morrow County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has kept abreast with all the advances made in his particular line of work and holds a high place in the regard of his fellow practitioners as the result of his close adherence to the unwritten code of professional ethics. In addition to his extensive practice Dr. McCormick has various financial interests of important order in Mount Gilead. He is a stockholder and director in the Peoples' Savings Bank and is the owner of considerable valuable real estate.

Dr. McCormick has completed two post-graduate courses in medicine and surgery in the Post-Graduate College of Chicago—one in 1890 and the other in 1893. Besides his professional duties he is examiner for the following well known insurance companies, the Mutual Life, the New York Equitable, the John Hancock, the Travellers, the Home, the Ohio State and the Union Central. He has a fine medical library and an excellent selection of standard works, his shelves containing five hundred volumes. He is a constant student of his profession.

On March 20, 1884, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. McCormick to Miss Emma J. Ward, of Livingston county, Michigan, where she was reared and educated, she being a daughter of Guerdon and Rachel (Miller) Ward, of that county. Mrs. McCormick, who is excellently educated and a former Michigan school teacher, is a woman of most gracious refinement and magnetic personality and she and her husband are prominent and popular factors in connection with the best social activities of Mount Gilead. Dr. and Mrs. McCormick became the parents of six children; John, Blaine and Rachel are deceased. The others are: Ward, born in 1888, who was graduated in the Mount Gilead high school and who is now a student in the University of Michigan; Willie, who was born in 1890, and who is now a student in Oberlin College; and Rose, born in 1896, a student in the Mount Gilead high school. Ward is pursuing a course of study in medicine and surgery and will graduate in the class of 1913. He received his degree from the literary department of the University of Michigan with the class of 1911.

Politically Dr. McCormick is a stalwart adherent of the principles of the Republican party and as a citizen he has ever been prompted by intrinsic patriotism and public spirit to do all in his power to advance the general welfare of the community. He is a man of wide experience and broad information, is honest and upright in all his dealings and his life in every respect is worthy of commendation and emulation. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 167, Free and Accepted Masons. His wife is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to whose charities and benevolences both are liberal contributors.

JOSEPH CARPER SWETLAND.—It is decidedly a matter of gratification to the publishers of this work to here enter a brief sketch of the Swetland family, one of prominence and long standing in connection with the development of Morrow county. Joseph C. Swetland at one time owned as much as nine hundred acres of most arable land in Chester and South Bloomfield townships, and in connection with his extensive operations as a sheep raiser he has handled as many as one thousand head. His participation in public affairs has extended to the office of county commissioner, of which he was incumbent for a period of six years, during which time he was influential in securing various important improvements to the county. Although he has attained a ripe old age Mr. Swetland is alert on all matters touching the general welfare, and his almost boyish enthusiasm makes him a popular and well beloved citizen.

In South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 5th of June, 1828, occurred the birth of Joseph C. Swetland, who is a son of Giles T. Swetland and a grandson of Artemus and Lydia (Abbot) Swetland. Giles Swetland was born on the 19th of



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August, 1799, and in 1822 was solemnized his marriage to Miss Sarah Lewis, whose birth occurred in 1798. The father died in 1881 and the mother, who preceded her honored husband to the life eternal, passed away in 1864. The grandparent of him to whom this sketch is dedicated were in the Wyoming Massacre, in 1777, they being children of nine and seven years of age at the time. They were the only ones spared by the Indians and subsequently they removed to Ohio, where was solemnized their marriage. Of their grandchildren five are now living, namely: Byron L., who has attained to the age of eighty-six years and who lives at Mount Vernon, Ohio; Joseph C., the immediate subject of this sketch, eighty-two years of age; Emily, who is in her eightieth year and who maintains her home at Evansville, Indiana; Warren, aged seventy-six, a sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this volume and William, a resident of Sparta, aged seventy-two years. Lambert died aged twenty. Giles Swetland was identified with agricultural operations during the major portion of his active business career and he was a man of prominence in Morrow county during his lifetime.

Joseph C. Swetland was reared to maturity on the old home farm and his preliminary educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the schools of the locality and period. He remained under the paternal roof until he had reached the age of twenty-five years, at which time he was married. After that important event he turned his attention to farming on his own account, the scene of his operations being in Chester township. As time passed he accumulated an estate of nine hundred acres of fine farming land and gave the same his personal supervision. In 1878 he was honored by his fellow citizens with election to the office of county commissioner, remaining in tenure thereof for some six years, during which time the present county jail was erected. During the process of construction the architect died and Mr. Swetland finished the work at a cost of twenty-four thousand dollars. Mr. Brooks and George Hershner were the other commissioners that Mr. Swetland served with during the early part of his incumbency of that office. Later he was associated with Mr. Atkinson who was subsequently elected a commissioner and William G. Brenizer, and these were connected with Mr. Swetland in the building of the county jail at Mount Gilead. In addition to his farming interests Mr. Swetland and his brother William conducted a general merchandise business at Mt. Vernon for nine years. They were eminently successful as merchants and their large and representative patronage were good indications of their popularity in that section of the country. Mr. Swetland continued to reside on his farm in Chester township, until 1906, in which year he established his home in Chesterville, where he and his wife are passing the declining years of their lives in full enjoyment of former years of earnest work and endeavor. While on his farm

Mr. Swetland had all the latest devices introduced in order to simplify the work thereof. He had pipes carrying water from the many springs to different parts of the estate, making it convenient for the raising of stock, he having had as many as one thousand head of sheep at one time. He has won renown for his many excellent exhibitions in the stock shows at the county fairs.

Mr. Swetland has been thrice married, his first wife having been Miss Emily Howard, a daughter of Jesse and Mary (Burns) Howard, of West Virginia. She was born in 1832 and prior to her marriage she taught school for two terms in Morrow county. Mrs. Swetland spun the last tow in this part of the country. Her Grandmother Howard was a woman of remarkable vitality. She would knit and sew on her travels to and from different places, and while at home would walk a mile and a half to milk every day. To Mr. and Mrs. Swetland were born six children, whose names are here incorporated in respective order of birth: one child who died in infancy; Truanna, Averilla, Elzina, Henry W. and William H. Mrs. Swetland was summoned to her reward on the 2nd of January, 1892, and subsequently Mr. Swetland was united in marriage to Miss Mattie Gordon, a daughter of Silas Gordon. She died in 1904, without issue. For a third wife Mr. Swetland chose Mary E. (Slater) Struble, who was born on the 14th of October, 1847, and who is a daughter of John and Sarah A. (Jones) Slater, of Licking county, Ohio. The Slater family consisted of three daughters—Carrie, Belle and Mary. Mrs. Swetland was first married to J. A. Struble, by whom she had two children—Charles and Laura Mae, both of whom are now deceased. Charles Struble married Miss Adda Jones, of Cardington, and they became the parents of two sons—Richmond and Lloyd, both deceased. The father died on the 8th of November, 1902. Laura Mae Struble passed away on the 9th of March, 1902.

In his political convictions Mr. Swetland accords a stalwart allegiance to the principles and policies promulgated by the Republican party, in the local councils of which he has ever been an active and interested factor. As previously noted, he held the office of county commissioner for six years and in discharging the duties thereof he acquitted himself with all of honor and distinction. He has held other important offices of public trust and in the early days paid out seven hundred dollars to clear the township draft. He has always manifested a great concern for the welfare of the community and county in which he resides and no citizen in Morrow county is accorded a higher degree of confidence and esteem by the inhabitants of this section of the state than he is. He is eighty-two years of age at the present time, in 1911, but his activity makes him pass for a man much younger. In their religious adherency he and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the various departments of whose work they are deeply and sincerely interested. Mrs. Swetland is a woman of

gracious refinement and she is affiliated with the Missionary and Ladies Aid Society and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

DEXTER J. BABSON.—Among the various profitable industries of our country that of the poultry fancier, raiser and dealer is fast forging to the front, the breeding of fine blooded birds having become both a science and an art. Acquiring by observation and experience a practical knowledge of this business, Dexter J. Babson, whose name we have placed at the head of this brief sketch, is carrying it on successfully in Cardington, Morrow county, where he has a model chicken farm, which he devotes to the breeding and raising of pure blooded White Plymouth Rock and Langshan chickens. A native of Ohio, he was born March 3, 1869, in Washington county, where the birth of his father, Hezelton Babson, occurred in 1841.

Hezelton Babson has been engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his active career, and has met with a fair share of success, being an extensive landholder in Washington county, one of his farms containing seventy-five acres of choice land, while his home estate is still larger and more valuable. He is a citizen of worth, highly esteemed as a man, and is an active member of the Republican party and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Diantha Johnson, who was born in the same county as himself and in the same year. She is a woman of refinement and a valued member of the Universalist church. Of the seven children born of their union six are living, namely: Daniel T., engaged in the insurance and loan business in Kansas; Dexter J.; Nora, the wife of John E. Pfaff, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Ashley, Ohio; Sylvester, a prosperous manufacturer in New York city; Clark, of New York city, manager of an extensive manufacturing business; and Ellen, of Washington county, Ohio.

Reared on the home farm, Dexter J. Babson obtained the rudiments of his education in the district schools, after which he was graduated from the Normal School at Lower Salem and from the R. M. Bartlett Business College in Cincinnati. For two years after his graduation Mr. Babson was engaged in professional work, teaching in Washington county. Turning his attention then to mercantile pursuits, he spent two years as a grocer in Marietta, Ohio. In 1894 he embarked in a new line of business in Cleveland, for ten years being a dealer in poultry food, in his venture making quite a sum of money. On November 4, 1904, Mr. Babson located in Cardington, Morrow county, and having purchased ten acres of land within the corporate limits of the village has since built up a fine business as a poultry fancier, breeder and raiser. He takes great pride as well as much pleasure in his operations, and as breeder of fancy stock has made fine exhibits at various state fairs and winter shows. In January, 1909, at the poultry show in Cleve-

land, Mr. Babson carried off three first prizes on three different birds of the Langshan breed, of which he makes a specialty, another of his favorite breeds being the White Plymouth Rocks, both of which are good all-around birds, well worthy of a place in any modernly equipped poultry yard.

Mr. Babson is likewise identified with an industry which has made rapid strides in regard to its development within the past few years, and has to a large extent changed the mode of life in both city and country, the automobiles having made their mark in agricultural as well as in manufacturing and commercial circles. Interested in motor cars from the time of their introduction, Mr. Babson has represented different manufacturers, and is now agent for two firms, handling successfully the Maxwell automobile and the Brush.

Mr. Babson married, August 7, 1902, Mary I. Williams, who was born May 15, 1880, in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Harberson) Williams, neither of whom are now living. She is a talented and accomplished musician, both in vocal and instrumental music, and is well educated, having completed her early studies at Berea College. Four children have been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Babson, namely: Hezelton, a bright and ambitious student for his age, shows especial talent in drawing; G. Alton, Helen, and Daniel.

Mr. Babson cast his first presidential vote for Benjamin Harrison, and has since been a loyal supporter of the principles of the Republican party. Fraternally he belongs to Cardington Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he was formerly master of the exchequer, and his wife belongs to the Rathbone Sisters, of Cardington, Ohio. Religiously Mrs. Babson is a consistent member of the Congregational church, while Mr. Babson is identified by membership with the Baptist church. Both are highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside, and their pleasant home on Mount Gilead street is a center of social activity, its hospitable doors being ever open to their numerous friends and acquaintances.

PROFESSOR CLINTON O. HIGGINS.—Talented and cultured, possessing the mental temperament, tastes and caliber that naturally incline one towards a professional career, Professor Clinton O. Higgins wisely chose teaching as a vocation, and is now successfully employed as superintendent of the Troy Township High School and as superintendent also, of the district schools of Troy township. A son of Enoch Higgins and his first wife, whose maiden name was Leah Lovett, and their only child, Professor Higgins was born on a farm in Franklin township, Morrow county, Ohio, and there spent his earlier life.

Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in the district schools of Franklin township, Clinton O. Higgins afterward continued his studies at the Mt. Gilead High School. On

leaving that institution he began life as a teacher and taught school several terms. Desirous of further fitting himself for his life work, he subsequently entered the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, and there completed the scientific course, receiving the well-earned degree of bachelor of science. Since his graduation from the University Professor Higgins has devoted his entire time and energies to teaching, having taught in the district schools and serving as superintendent of the Congress township district schools for two years. He was subsequently elected by local board of education as superintendent of the Troy Township High School and of its district schools, and is now serving his fourth year in that capacity, his retention in this position from year to year being proof of his ability and success as an educator and superintendent.

Politically the Professor is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and has served as chairman of the Morrow County Convention and as president of the Republican Central Committee. He has also been clerk of Franklin township. Fraternally he is a member of Chester Lodge, No. 283, A. F. and A. M., of which he is past master; of Gilead Chapter, No. 59, R. A. M.; of Eveline Chapter, No. 146, O. E. S., of Chesterville; and of the Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, K. of P. He is also a member of the Sons of Veterans Camp at Mt. Gilead, Ohio. Religiously Professor Higgins belongs to the Pulaskiville Methodist Episcopal church, and has served as superintendent of its Sunday school. For six years he was one of the members of the board of school examiners for Morrow county, retiring from the position in August, 1910. He is one of the stockholders of the Morrow County Telephone Company, one of the more important enterprises of this part of the state.

Professor Higgins makes his home in Franklin township, where he was born, reared and educated, and where he is held in the highest esteem for his sterling worth and high integrity of character as a cultured gentleman and faithful teacher.

JAMES B. LANNING.—Among the many worthy families of Morrow county, Ohio, whose genial manner and progressive spirit have won for them the confidence and esteem of the community and a conspicuous place on the record of Morrow county's representative families, we find the name of Lanning. Situated on a fine, rolling tract of land on the banks of Owl creek, southeast of Chesterville, is the Lanning homestead, which is recognized as one of the finest little farms in this section of the state.

James B. Lanning, farmer and stockman, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 16th of August, 1869, and he is a son of Steven E. and Hannah E. (Beebe) Lanning, the former of whom was born and reared in the state of New Jersey and the latter of whom claimed Ohio as the place of her nativity. During the major portion of his active career Steven E. Lanning was engaged in

agricultural pursuits and he and his wife were the parents of two children—James B., the immediate subject of this sketch; and Mary M., who is now Mrs. Lewis Caton. Mr. Lanning, of this notice, was reared to maturity under the invigorating influences of the old homestead farm and his elementary educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the public schools of Morrow county. After his marriage, in 1900, he and his wife settled down on the old Lanning estate that has been in the possession of the Lanning family since 1854. Through persistency and unusual industry Mr. and Mrs. Lanning have succeeded in modernizing their farm and in raising it to an exceedingly high state of cultivation. He devotes his attention to general farming and to stock-growing and in both lines of enterprise has achieved noteworthy success.

On the 30th of August, 1900, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lanning to Miss Minerva Black, who was reared and educated in the fine old Buckeye state of the Union and who is a daughter of Frederick and Rebecca J. (McQuistian) Black. Mr. Black was born in the state of Pennsylvania and his wife is a native of Ohio. Mrs. Lanning had one brother and a sister and one half brother and two half sisters. For a time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lanning lived in Chesterville, where they gained prominence and popularity, making many new acquaintances and friends. They are widely known as very courteous, sociable and whole-souled people, whose genial manners and deep human sympathy command to them the love and esteem of all with whom they have come in contact. Mrs. Lanning is an energetic woman and like many of her country women is a great lover of horses and dogs. In 1911 the Lannings returned to their farm from Chesterville and this beautiful place, comprised of seventy-five acres of most arable land, has since represented their home. The finely cultivated fields and substantial buildings afford ample proof of Mr. Lanning's ability as a practical farmer and his fat, sleek horses and well fed stock show that he is a kind and considerate master.

In his political convictions Mr. Lanning accords a staunch allegiance to the cause of the Democratic party and while he is no office seeker he is ever on the *qui vive* to do all in his power to advance the best interests of the community in which he has long maintained his home. He and his wife are affiliated with social organizations of a local character and in their religious faith they are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Chesterville, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Lanning, by virtue of their exemplary lives and genial kindness, have won for themselves a high place in the hearts of their fellow citizens and they are everywhere accorded the unalloyed regard which is so indicative of sterling worth and integrity.

MILES BYRD, of the firm of Byrd & Company, liverymen, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, was born in De Kalb county, Missouri, January 10, 1867, a son of John and Jane (Hull) Byrd. When a babe he was brought by his mother to Morrow county, Ohio, and here, in the village of Williamsport, he grew to manhood, attending the local schools until he was eighteen years of age. Then he obtained employment in a general store in the village, and subsequently ran a huckster wagon for Mark Cook and bought and sold produce. Next we find him at Mt. Gilead, in charge of the livery barn of Vanatta & Weiland, with whom he remained one year, following which he spent three years in a similar business at Marion, Ohio, and was for a time in the livery business at Newark, this state. Disposing of his business at the last named place he returned to Mt. Gilead; and has since conducted a livery establishment here, under his own name, with a barn on East Center street. And in connection with the livery business he gives some attention to farming, owning and operating forty-one and a half acres in Gilead township. He built the barn occupied by his livery, and he owns the comfortable home he lives in on Union street.

Mr. Byrd married Miss Rose M. Rule, of Woodview, Morrow county, daughter of Dr. Amos Rule. They are the parents of eight children: Roma, born January 15, 1887; Caroline, March 4, 1889; John A., June 15, 1891; Charles M., December 15, 1893; Glenn N., September 14, 1897; Harold R., August 17, 1898; Anna R., August 27, 1901, and Robert W., March 5, 1910. Caroline is a graduate of the Mt. Gilead High School.

Although not active in politics, Mr. Byrd has always been a conscientious voter, and has cast his franchise with the Democratic party. Mrs. Byrd's religious faith is that of the Lutheran church, of which she is a consistent member.

ADAM E. SELL.—A prominent and prosperous citizen of Morrow county, Adam E. Sell has been for several years prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits in North Bloomfield township, where he owns and occupies a highly improved and attractive farm of eighty acres. Industrious, far-sighted and progressive, he has met with well merited success in his undertakings, and is held in high regard, his integrity and worth everywhere recognized. A son of Adam Sell, Jr., he was born in North Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, January 24, 1863, coming from pioneer ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Adam Sell, Sr., having migrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio many years ago.

Adam Sell, Jr., was born in Pennsylvania, and came with his parents to Ohio when young. He became a farmer from choice, and was engaged in tilling the soil in North Bloomfield township until after the breaking out of the Civil war. Enlisting then for service in the army, he, with other of his comrades, was captured at the battle of Chickamanga and died in Andersonville prison.

He married Lucy Garverick, a Pennsylvania girl, and to them were born the following children: Jacob G., a farmer in Jackson county, Missouri; Wesley, deceased; Mary, wife of Arthur Bookwalter, of Galion, Ohio; Franklin, deceased; and Harriett, deceased.

Making the best of his opportunities to obtain an education, Adam E. Sell attended the winter terms of school, during the summer seasons helping in the care of the home farm. Scholarly and ambitious, he made excellent use of his time, and at the age of twenty years was granted a teacher's certificate. Instead of entering upon a professional career, however, he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for ten years. Subsequently turning his attention to agriculture, he bought forty acres of land where he resides. Succeeding well in its management, he afterwards bought the forty acres across the road from where he resides, and is carrying on general farming and stock raising with satisfactory pecuniary results, his eighty acres of land yielding bountifully of the productions common to this region.

Mr. Sell married, January 1, 1894, Clara Hirth, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, June 28, 1870, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Shire) Hirth, both of whom were born in Germany, came to this country when young, and were married in Morrow county, Ohio. Mrs. Sell was educated in the district schools of Johnsville and at the Mount Gilead High School. At the age of eighteen years she began teaching school, and taught eight terms in Morrow county, being a successful and popular teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Sell are the parents of three children, one of whom died in infancy, while two are living, namely: Eugene, born November 17, 1900; and Mary E., born September 10, 1910.

An active member of the Democratic party, Mr. Sell has served as township clerk six years, and is now filling that office. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Reformed church, in which he is one of the deacons and in which he has served as Sunday school superintendent. The attractive homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Sell is known as "Englewood.."

BYRON H. OSBORN.—Byron H. Osborn, one of the most intelligent and thriving agriculturists of Morrow county, owns and occupies a valuable homestead in South Bloomfield township, which is his native place, his birth having here occurred on Wednesday, February 4, 1846, at half after nine in the morning. He is a son of the late John H. Osborn, and grandson of Thomas Osborn, who settled in Ohio in pioneer days.

Thomas Osborn was born and reared in Connecticut, and as a young man followed the sea, being captain of a vessel. In 1814 he was wrecked and cast on the Isle of Jimairi. He subsequently landed in New York, and having determined to abandon seafaring pursuits was engaged in farming in Connecticut for a year. A brother-in-law, a Mr. Manning, who was then surveying land in

Knox county, Ohio, induced him to come to this state in search of a home. He located in the late fall of 1815 in Knox county, and having taken up one hundred and sixty acres of heavily timbered land cleared and improved a homestead, on which he spent the remainder of his years. He married Olive Manning, and to them two children were born, a son and a daughter.

John H. Osborn was born in October, 1815, in Connecticut, and as an infant was brought by his parents to Ohio. He remained beneath the parental roof-tree until eighteen years of age, assisting in the farm labors, and then served an apprenticeship of three years at the carpenter's trade, which he subsequently followed until seventy-five years old, being active in business pursuits until his death. He married Nancy Severe, whose father was Jesse Severe, who came from his home at Point Pleasant, Virginia, to Knox county, Ohio, in 1805, making the long journey on horseback, and being the second householder to locate in Liberty township. Seven children were born to their union, as follows: Thomas E.; Laduska E.; Byron H., the special subject of this sketch; William D., deceased; Mary J.; Rose L.; and Clarinda, deceased.

Educated in the district schools and acquiring a practical knowledge of the science of agriculture while young, Byron H. Osborn subsequently assumed the management of his father's farm, of which he had charge until 1871, three years after his marriage. Lured then to the fertile fields of the west, he spent a year in Illinois, but not at all satisfied with his prospects in the Sucker state he returned in 1872 to Ohio, and located on his present fine estate in South Bloomfield township. Mr. Osborn has one hundred and seventy-six acres of highly productive land, which he has placed under excellent tillage and on which he has made substantial improvements. He makes a specialty of stock growing and raising, breeding Short-Horn Durham cattle from the registered stock of John Lyle. On October 16, 1861, Byron H. Osborn, then a lad of fourteen years, enlisted as a drummer in the Forty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until honorably discharged in 1862. In 1864 he enlisted, in the same capacity, in the One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was at the front in the battle of the Wilderness, in the engagement at Coal Run and at the siege of Petersburg. For fifteen years he was engaged in the lumber business, but has since confined his attention to farming. A staunch Republican in politics, he has served on the local school board, and he is a member of Joe Hooker Post, No. 21, G. A. R., at Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Mr. Osborn married, October 24, 1867, Emma Brokaw, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, November 28, 1847. Her father, Henry Brokaw, born February 10, 1814, died December 12, 1897, and his wife, whose maiden name was Louisa Coffin, was born August 30, 1816, and died October 13, 1875, her birth having occurred in Pennsylvania, and his in New Jersey. They became the

parents of thirteen children, as follows: Joshua, born May 11, 1836, died April 13, 1870; Johanna, born June 11, 1840, died June 14, 1876; Marie, born December 13, 1841; Mary G., born October 28, 1843; William H., born September 11, 1845; Emma, wife of Mr. Osborn; Jackson C., born August 7, 1849; Jane A., born February 9, 1851; Effie E., born April 13, 1853; Abraham, born March 30, 1855; Charles B., born February 28, 1857; Frank, born June 27, 1858; and Delmar, born January 25, 1863.

Ten children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, namely: Burton A., born October 9, 1868; Lola G., born January 27, 1870; Laura T., born October 24, 1872; Eugene Alphonse, born March 11, 1875; Maud L., born April 18, 1878, died May 15, 1892; Mary L., born September 26, 1881; William D., born May 7, 1883; Estella L., born September 18, 1886; Ben J. H., born October 18, 1888; and Clarence R., born April 16, 1892. Mrs. Osborn is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and takes an active interest in its work.

SAMUEL BISHOP.—A prominent and successful agriculturist of North Bloomfield township, Samuel Bishop has spent his entire life within its boundaries and holds a high position among the active and progressive men who have contributed largely towards the development of its industrial interests. Ever interested in local affairs, he has served ably and faithfully as township trustee, and is now filling the office of township treasurer with characteristic ability. A son of James Bishop, Jr., he was born in North Bloomfield township March 12, 1845, coming of substantial Irish ancestry. His grandfather, James Bishop, Sr., was born, reared and married in Ireland. Emigrating a full century ago to this country, he located first in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where all of his children were born. Deciding to make another change of residence, he loaded all of his worldly goods into a wagon and started with his family for the Buckeye state, finding his way through the almost trackless roads by means of blazed trees. He bought a tract of wild land in what is now North Bloomfield township, five and one-half miles from his nearest neighbor, his purchase consisting of two hundred and forty acres of timber. Clearing a space, he began the erection of a log cabin, living in the meantime in the wagon until the cabin was completed. In common with the few inhabitants of Morrow county, he endured all the privations of pioneer life, and on the farm which he redeemed from the wilderness spent the remainder of his years. His wife came with him from the Emerald Isle as a bride. She survived him, attaining the remarkable age of one hundred and one years.

James Bishop, Jr., was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and as a boy came across the country with his parents to Morrow county, Ohio. At the age of fourteen years he began teaming on the pike. Industrious and thrifty, he accumulated money

and embarked in farming on his own account, improving the estate now owned and occupied by his son Samuel. On April 4, 1844, he married Elizabeth Henton, and to them eight children were born, as follows: Samuel, the special subject of this brief personal record; Mary E., wife of Craig Logan; Eliza J., wife of Hiram Keeler, of Galion; James, of Congress township, married Alice Hiskey; John, married Elizabeth Scrafield, of Kansas; William, married Ida Baldwin, of Toledo; Archibald, living in the west; and Arkenson, of Troy township, married Mollie Fultz.

Brought up on the farm where he now lives, Samuel Bishop attended the district school regularly until eighteen years of age, since which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. His farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres is pleasantly located two and one-half miles south of Blooming Grove, and the improvements which he has placed upon it are of a good, practical and substantial character.. Mr. Bishop is a man of superior business qualifications, earnest and thorough in his work, wise in his judgments and well merits the esteem and respect accorded him by all neighbors and friends.

On September 3, 1868, Mr. Bishop was united in marriage with Mary Schenefield, who has proved a true helpmate to him in every sense implied by the term. She was born September 28, 1846, in Pennsylvania, and at the age of ten years came with her parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Painter) Schenefield, to Morrow county, where she was brought up and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop are the parents of nine children, namely: Irvin, born March 30, 1872, is a resident of Mansfield, Ohio; Myrtle, born August 29, 1873, is the wife of Webster Garverick; Melvin, of North Bloomfield township, was born May 9, 1875; Earl L., is a mechanical engineer in Rock Island, Illinois; Clarence, born November 1, 1879, is foreman in the Twist Drill Works, in Cleveland; Floyd, born August 5, 1881, is in the employ of the Baxter Stove Works, in Mansfield; Elizabeth, born October 24, 1882, is the wife of H. S. Kelley, of Franklin township; Mabel, born September 28, 1884, married J. K. Appleman, of Troy township; and Grover, born August 29, 1886, lives at home. Politically Mr. Bishop is a straightforward Democrat, and takes an intelligent interest in local matters. His farmstead is known as "The Pleasant View Farm."

HENRY LEPP, who is ably filling the office of county commissioner of Morrow county, Ohio, is a native son of the fine old Buckeye state and he is descended from stanch German stock, both his parents having been born and reared in Germany, where was solemnized their marriage and whence they emigrated to America in 1843. Henry Lepp was born in Tully township, Marion county, Ohio, on the 16th of January, 1864, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Eichhorn) Lepp, the former of whom was born June 12, 1830, and the latter April 14, 1840. After their arrival in the United

States Mr. and Mrs. Lepp located in Crawford county, Ohio, and they became the parents of ten children, four of whom are now deceased. Those living are: Elizabeth, who is the wife of S. B. Messmore, of Edison, Ohio; Maggie, who married Leopold Long, of Crestline, Ohio; and John, Henry, George and William, all of Edison, Ohio. The father of the above children is now living in virtual retirement at Galion, Ohio, and the mother was summoned to the life eternal on the 21st of September, 1910.

Henry Lepp, the immediate subject of this review, passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm and his educational training was completed with a course in the high school at Galion, Ohio. When twenty years of age he left school and turned his attention to general farming. In 1885 he went to Kansas, where he was employed as a clerk in a general store for the ensuing three years, at the expiration of which he returned to Ohio, where he purchased a fine farm of one hundred and thirty acres, eligibly located five miles north of Edison, in Morrow county. He has been eminently successful in all his business ventures and at the present time, in 1911, is an extensive stockholder in the Peoples Savings Bank at Mt. Gilead, besides which he is also a stockholder in the Citizens Telephone Company at Edison. In politics he accords a stanch allegiance to the principles and policies of the Democratic party, in the local councils of which he has been an active factor. For three years he was a member of the board of trustees of Washington township and in 1907 he was given further mark of the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens in that he was then elected to the office of county commissioner of Morrow county. On the 8th of November, 1910, he was reelected to this office, the various duties of which he has discharged with the utmost efficiency.

On October 1, 1894, at Beloit, Kansas, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Lepp to Miss Clara Sponsler, who was born and reared in Kansas. She is a daughter of Charles and Mary E. (Haight) Sponsler, both of whom are now residents of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Lepp have three children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here incorporated: Oscar, January 5, 1897; Inez, March 24, 1899; and Mary, August 15, 1901. Mr. Lepp is a devout member of the German Reformed church, in which he is a trustee, and Mrs. Lepp belongs to the United Brethren church. In a fraternal way Mr. Lepp is affiliated with Iberia Lodge, No. 561, Knights of Pythias. He is a man of marked business ability and good judgment. As a citizen he has never been lacking in public spirit and loyalty but has always been a leader in all matters projected for the general welfare.

JOSIAH F. SHUMAKER.—A man of broad and enlightened views, taking an intelligent interest in local and general affairs, Josiah F. Shumaker stands high among the substantial and well-to-do citizens of North Bloomfield township, where he is prosperously en-



gaged in agricultural pursuits, his farm lying three and one-half miles from Galion and three miles from West Point. He was born June 24, 1852, in Crawford county, a mile and a half northwest of Galion, on the farm occupied by his father, Daniel Shumaker. He is of thrifty German ancestry, being a direct descendant of one of seven Shumaker brothers that emigrated from Baden, Germany, to America in 1742, locating in Berks county, Pennsylvania, from whence their descendants have scattered to various parts of the Union.

A son of Jonas and Elizabeth (Van Hogenshell) Shumaker, Daniel Shumaker adopted farming as his chief occupation, locating not far from Galion, in Crawford county, where he was actively engaged as a tiller of the soil for many seasons. He married Elizabeth Beltz, a daughter of Christopher Beltz, whose father was born and bred in Germany, from there coming to the United States when young. Four children were born of their union, as follows: Eli, engaged in farming near Bourbon, Indiana, married Lizzie Smith; Sarah, wife of George Burger, of Crawford county, Ohio; Josiah F., the special subject of this brief personal review; and Simon, who married Mary Seif, and is carrying on general farming near Defiance, Ohio.

Brought up on the home farm in Polk township, Josiah F. Shumaker received a practical education in the district schools, while at home he was trained to habits of industry and economy. At the age of twenty-one years he began life on his own account, and has since been busily employed in agricultural pursuits, finding both pleasure and profit in his chosen occupation. Mr. Shumaker's farm, lying in North Bloomfield township, as above mentioned, contains ninety-eight and one-half acres of rich and fertile land, which he is managing in a systematic and scientific manner, raising the cereals common to this section of the country and growing stock, making a specialty of raising hogs, an industry which has proven especially remunerative. For upwards of twenty-five years Mr. Shumaker has owned and occupied his present farm, having come here in 1884, and during that time has won the respect and esteem of the community, and has faithfully performed his duty as an honest, law-abiding citizen. He is independent in politics, voting for the best men and measures, regardless of party restrictions in local affairs, although he sustains the principles of the Democratic party in national elections and has served to the satisfaction of all concerned as township trustee and as a member of the local school board.

Mr. Shumaker married, November 2, 1875, Catherine E. Seif, who was born February 22, 1856, in North Bloomfield township, Morrow county, where her parents, Michael and Elizabeth Seif, settled on coming to this country from Germany, their native land. Mr. and Mrs. Shumaker have four children living, namely: Della, wife of Webb W. Seif, of Bloomfield township; Grover M., of

Marion, Ohio, is cashier in the office of the American Express Company; Mary, living at home, and James J., also at home, is a bright lad of twelve years. Mr. Shumaker is a licensed exhorter in the Free Methodist church, and with his family belongs to the church of that denomination at West Point and is superintendent of its Sunday school.

ANDREW J. KELLER.—A skilful and practical farmer of North Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Andrew J. Keller is meeting with excellent success in his operations, his agricultural labors being systematic and thorough, insuring the best possible results. A native of Morrow county, he was born November 29, 1864, in South Bloomfield township, and was there reared on a farm. His father, Peter Keller, served as a member of the One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war, and died about four years after its close. He married Eliza A. Everts, who was born in Knox county, Ohio, and died in Morrow county in 1907. Four children were born of their union, as follows: Belle, wife of Joseph Mills; Jesse C., of Kansas City, Missouri, married Eva Stromborg; and Anna M., twin sister of Andrew J., is the wife of C. E. Buckingham, of Galion, Ohio.

Spending his boyhood days in South Bloomfield township, Andrew J. Keller obtained his early education in the Red Hill district, attending the winter terms of school until sixteen years old, when he began working for wages. Two years later he began farming for his Grandmother Everts, having charge of her estate for about four years. Coming to North Bloomfield township in 1889, Mr. Keller has since been advantageously engaged in agricultural pursuits, his farm of one hundred and forty-three acres being one of the best-managed and most productive in the township. It is pleasantly located about three and one-half miles southeast of Galion, and is devoted to the raising of grain and stock, profitable industries.

Mr. Keller has been four times married. He married first, December 28, 1886, Ora Howard, a daughter of Morgan and Mary (Potts) Howard, of Bennington township, Morrow county. She died May 8, 1888, and their only child, Mary D., died in infancy. Mr. Keller married second, November 16, 1889, Mrs. Mary (Loveland) Cronenwett, who was born in Kansas August 9, 1869, a daughter of Lafayette and Sarah (Southert) Loveland, natives of Huron county, Ohio. She passed to the life beyond October 9, 1901, having borne him five children, namely: Howard J., born December 11, 1890; James P., born October 31, 1892; John L., born November 27, 1895; Anna M., born March 6, 1900; and Lafayette, born October 2, 1901, died October 7, 1901. On November 26, 1902, Mr. Keller married for his third wife Mrs. Mary (Van Buskirk) Long, who was born in Huron county, Ohio, in 1872, and she died in March, 1905, leaving no children. Mr.

Keller married on August 19, 1908, Miss Carrie Holman, who was born in Crawford county, Ohio, July 15, 1872, a daughter of John and Hannah (Brown) Holman, and they have one child, Edna L., born July 27, 1909. Mrs. Keller's father, John Holman, was born in Ross county, Ohio, November 7, 1828, and subsequently settled in Crawford county, Ohio. To him and his wife five children were born, as follows: Lucilia, deceased, was the wife of Edward Norris; J. B. Holman, of Findlay, Ohio; Guy C., deceased; Carrie, now Mrs. Keller; and Mertie, wife of Allen Shoup. Mr. and Mrs. Keller are trustworthy members of the United Brethren church of Galion. They belong to the Polk Grange at Galion, also being active and interested members. Politically Mr. Keller casts his vote irrespective of party relations, being independent.

HENRY C. LYMAN, who is ably filling the office of treasurer of Canaan township, Morrow county, Ohio, is engaged in the general merchandise business at Climax, where he has resided since 1902. He was born in Canaan township on the 6th of September, 1864, and is a son of Luke C. and Mary A. (Garsler) Lyman, both of whom are natives of Ohio. The parents now maintain their home at Edison, where the father is living in virtual retirement after a strenuous business life devoted to the shoemaking line of enterprise. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman became the parents of six children and of the number Henry C., of this review was the first born.

To the district schools of his native county Mr. Lyman is indebted for his early education. He continued to attend school until he had reached the age of sixteen years, at which time he assumed the responsibilities of life by becoming a farm hand, working out by the month. He saved his spare money and in 1883 he became a clerk in the general store of Iden Brothers at Denmark, Ohio, where he was employed for a period of about twenty years. Thereafter he was a partner of M. M. Iden at Caledonia, Ohio, for seven years, at the expiration of which he disposed of his interests in that place and came to Climax. Here he purchased the general store of David White and is now the proprietor of the thriving business known under the name of H. C. Lyman.

On the 30th of September, 1896, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Lyman to Miss Anna Shipman, of Franklin township, Morrow county. She is a daughter of Coleman and Editha Shipman, representative citizens of Morrow county. To this union has been born one child, Gladys, whose birth occurred on the 25th of September, 1897. She is enrolled as a student in the high school at Edison, in which she is a member of the senior class.

In his political convictions Mr. Lyman endorses the cause of the Republican party and he has always evidenced a deep and sincere interest in all matters touching upon the general welfare of the community. While a resident of Caledonia he was treasurer of that place for two years and in the fall of 1909 he was elected

treasurer of Canaan township, in which office he is giving a most efficient administration of the fiscal affairs of the township. In the time-honored Masonic organization he is a member of Oliver Lodge, No. 477, Free and Accepted Masons, besides which he is also affiliated with Denmark Lodge, No. 760, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past noble grand; and Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias. He and his wife both hold a high place in the confidence and regard of their fellow citizens.

S. THOMAS HICKS.—A representative of the worthy agriculturists of Morrow county and an honored and respected citizen of South Bloomfield township, S. Thomas Hicks ranks among the more skilful and prosperous agriculturists of central Ohio, his farm being well improved and amply supplied with substantial buildings and all the necessary appliances for carrying on his extensive operations. A son of John Hicks, he was born, December 22, 1844, at Gambier, Knox county, Ohio.

John Hicks, in 1812, in England, immigrated when a young man to the United States, and soon after coming to Ohio found employment in Gambier, on the College farm, with which he was afterwards connected for many years, serving long and well as its superintendent. While at the College he married Letitia Banbury, who was born in Cornish, England, in 1812, a daughter of Thomas Banbury, their union being solemnized in 1840. To them four children were born, namely: Martin W., who died May 12, 1910; S. Thomas, the special subject of this brief personal record; Mary, wife of Wesley Throckmorton, deceased; and Henry.

Martin W. Hicks, the oldest son, served as a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He became well known as an educator, having taught in every school building in Hillyar township. He became an extensive landholder, and for a long time was president of the First National Bank of Centerburg. He married Mary Ann Rogers, and his five daughters all became successful school teachers.

Mary Hicks, who married Mr. Throckmorton, was also a teacher when young, and of her four children two became teachers. One of her daughters died in early life, and as a memorial to her she placed a very handsome window in the Methodist Episcopal church at Sparta.

Henry Hicks taught school as a young man, but has since traveled extensively in different parts of the world, and for some time was in the mercantile business, representing the O'Brien Land Company.

Obtaining a good common school education in the district schools, S. Thomas Hicks became thoroughly acquainted with the various branches of agriculture while living with his parents, and chose for his life work the independent vocation of a farmer.

After his marriage he settled in South Bloomfield township, on the farm which he now owns and occupies, and has since been profitably engaged in agricultural pursuits. His place contains one hundred and twenty acres of rich arable land, well improved and judiciously cultivated, his annual yield of crops being large and remunerative.

On January 12, 1868, Mr. Hicks married Eva Conway, who was born in Bloomfield township, Morrow county, July 6, 1850, a daughter of Joseph Conway. Mr. Conway came from Virginia, his native state, his birth occurring there September 25, 1816, to Bloomfield township, Ohio, when eleven years of age, and here spent the remainder of his life. He began life with no other capital than strong hands, a willing heart and high ambition, and by dint of industry, energy and wise forethought became the owner of a fine farm of three hundred and fifty acres, which he managed with excellent pecuniary results. The maiden name of the wife of Mr. Conway, to whom he was married in 1842, was Melvina Sanford. She was born in Ohio, June 21, 1823, a daughter of William Sanford, the first school teacher in this part of Morrow county. Joseph Conway was one of the original members of the first Methodist Episcopal church established in his township, was a well known teacher, and was for many years a leading man in public affairs. To him and his wife six children were born, as follows: Benson Conway, born in 1843, served as a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting at the age of eighteen years and he died the following year; Melville, a farmer in Morrow county, was born in 1848; Eva wife of Mr. Hicks; William, born in 1853, died in Cleveland, Ohio; Olie B., born in 1858; and Wesley G., born in 1860, is engaged in the real estate business in Columbus, Ohio. All of these children were well educated, and one taught school several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have two children, namely: O. J., born October 27, 1871, and Earl H., born October 27, 1881. O. J. Hicks, who was educated at Sparta, Centerburg and Columbus, is now state agent for the Page Fence Company, and has the distinction of being the best-paid agent in Ohio, his salary being one hundred and fifty dollars a month. Earl H., who is likewise finely educated, is engaged in business at Fredericktown, where he is a manufacturer of steel gates and fencing.

Mr. Hicks is a prominent member of the Republican party, and has held various township offices. He was a member of the first County Fair Board for twenty-seven years, over one quarter of a century, and a member of its first Building Committee. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, No. 422, F. and A. M., of Chesterville, in which he has passed all the chairs; and of Sparta Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in which he has held a few of the offices. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hicks are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Sparta.

LLOYD DYE, who is engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Main and Center streets, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, is one of the enterprising and prosperous business men of the city. A brief review of his career gives the following facts:

Lloyd Dye was born at Williamsport, Ohio, May 18, 1879, a son of Russell and Jennie L. (Kraut) Dye.. Russel Dye, also a native of Ohio, passed his life and died in this state, his death occurring August 26, 1890. He married at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and his only child is the subject of this sketch. At the time of his father's death Lloyd was only eleven years of age; his mother was poor and it was by her industry and good management that the boy was given the advantages he enjoyed. He attended the public schools at Williamsport and Mt. Gilead until he reached his eighteenth year, meanwhile working nights and mornings and summer vacations in a grocery store, and thus assisting in the support of himself and his mother. This early experience gave him a knowledge of the details of the grocery business and laid the foundation for success when he opened up a store of his own, which he did at the corner of Main and Center streets, where he now carries a fine line of groceries and caters to a first-class trade. Before engaging in the grocery business on his own account Mr. Dye was for some time manager of the theatre at Mt. Gilead, where he also met with success. He is a stockholder in the People's Savings Bank and Telephone Company. In politics he has always been more or less active, affiliating with the Democratic party, and he now holds the office of deputy supervisor of Morrow county.

Fraternally Mr. Dye is connected with various organizations, including Eagle Lodge of Aerie No. 665, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 1191, of Galion, Ohio, and the Home Guards of America, No. 11. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Dye and his wife, formerly Miss Anna B. Terry, are the parents of two children: Clara J., born February 12, 1909, and Russell Terry, April 23, 1910. Mrs. Dye is a daughter of Chauncey E. Terry, and was educated at the Cardington high school. Previous to her marriage she was a teacher in the public schools of Morrow county.

The Dyes trace their lineage to the "Land of the Thistle," or Bonnie Scotland.

GEORGE W. HERSHNER.—The worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Morrow county and one of its most highly esteemed citizens, George W. Hershner has been prominently identified with its agricultural development and progress during his long and useful life, and as opportunity has occurred has given his influence to encourage the establishment of enterprises conducive to the public welfare. He was born October 12, 1833, in Troy township, Morrow county, which has ever been his abiding place,

and in the growth of which he has been intimately associated, as a contractor and builder during his earlier years having erected many of its residences and public buildings. His father, Andrew Hershner, who was of thrifty German descent, was born in Maryland, and as a youth came with his parents to the Buckeye state, journeying across the country in the customary prairie schooner. He was a well educated man and became one of the pioneer school teachers of Morrow county. When ready to assume the duties of a married man he turned his attention to agriculture and walked all the way to Wooster, Ohio, and back to enter eighty acres of land in Troy township, where he was afterwards engaged in general farming until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Murray, was born in Maryland, of English and Irish ancestry, and accompanied her parents to Ohio when a girl and was here married. Nine children, seven of them being sons, blessed their union, and of these the following named were living in the spring of 1911: David M., born in 1832, resides in Troy township; George W., the special subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of Michael Meekley; Andrew; William; and Mary, wife of Samuel Brickley.

Growing to manhood on the home farm in Troy township, George W. Hershner was educated in the district schools, which he attended during the winter terms only until seventeen years old. Subsequently learning the carpenter's trade, he followed it successfully for thirty years, during which time he built not only many churches and school houses but many residences and many barns, making a specialty of the latter. Acquiring a goodly sum of money while working at his trade, Mr. Hershner has since invested in land, and now has a finely cultivated farm of one hundred and seventy-four acres, in the management of which he takes much pride and pleasure and likewise finds much profit. In the accumulation of his valuable property he has had the able assistance of his wife, and feels that he owes much of his success to her kindly encouragement, counsel and advice.

Mr Hershner married first, January 1, 1857, Louisa Fensler, a native of Pennsylvania. She passed to the life beyond in 1862, leaving three children, as follows: Reverend John L. Hershner, who was graduated from Corvallis College, Oregon, and is now pastor of a Congregational church in Oregon; Professor A. F. Hershner, superintendent of schools in Portland, Oregon; and Allen Hershner, a farmer and railroad man in Nebraska. Mr. Hershner married on May 4, 1865, Sarah C. Markward, who was born in Pennsylvania February 26, 1843, of German descent, and came with her parents, Samuel and Mary (Browneller) Markward, to Ohio in 1852. Of this union three children have likewise been born, namely: Arthur, a farmer and stock buyer living near Williamsport; Cora, wife of Charles Cole; and Lottie, a graduate of the Lexington High School and of the Mansfield Business University, and now a stenographer in Mansfield, Ohio.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hershner belongs to the party which has had among its able leaders and supporters Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson and Grover Cleveland, and is a firm believer in a tariff for revenue only. He has been active in the management of public affairs, and has served in various official capacities. He was township clerk twelve years and was commissioner of Morrow county three terms, being elected to the position in a Republican stronghold and filling the office with a wide reputation as a man of honesty, integrity and good judgment. For over forty years Mr. Hershner was justice of the peace, and dealt wisely and impartially in the cases brought before him, his decisions being invariably just and satisfactory to all concerned. On one occasion a woman brought an affidavit against a man, and after the evidence had all been taken Squire Hershner found, that if it were true, he could bind the man over to the court. Going to the woman who brought the charge, he plainly told her that if her testimony were correct that he should bind the man over. The woman told him not to do so, and the Squire then accused her of having stolen the money and she confessed her guilt.

Neither Mr. Hershner nor his wife are members of any religious organization, but they are liberal contributors towards the support of churches.

CHARLES W. THROCKMORTON.—Among the people whose names bear the stamp of industry and thrift, the bearers of which have won for the residents of Morrow county the enviable reputation of "Promoters and character builders" and who have contributed largely to the educational, social and religious progress of the community, we find recorded the family of Throckmorton. He whose name initiates this review was long engaged in farming and stock-raising on his fine estate of two hundred and sixty-five acres, eligibly located some one and one-half miles distant from Sparta, Ohio. He was unusually loyal and public-spirited in his civic attitude and at the time of his death, which occurred on the twentieth of September, 1896, his loss was uniformly mourned throughout the county in which so much of his life had been passed.

Charles Wesley Throckmorton was born in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 3d of November, 1838, and he was a son of Archibald and Ruth (Simpson) Throckmorton, the former of whom was a native of New Jersey and the latter of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Throckmorton were the parents of seven children, whose names are here entered in respective order of birth: Rebecca, Sarah, Mary Jane, Elizabeth, John, Charles W., and Ruth. The Throckmortons were descended from good old Methodist Episcopal ancestry, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch having been taken into the Methodist Episcopal society by John Wesley in Ireland. Charles Wesley Throckmorton was converted to the faith in childhood and he and

his sister were the first children to unite with the Methodist Episcopal church of Sparta. He received his elementary educational training in the public schools of his native place and as a young man followed in the footsteps of his father and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. After his marriage in 1870 he and his wife settled upon a farm in South Bloomfield township, one and one-half miles distant from Sparta, Ohio, and there he continued to live and toil until death called him to his final rest and reward. He was interested in diversified agriculture and the raising of high-grade stock and, his fine estate of two hundred and sixty-five acres was recognized as one of the finest in Morrow county. It is now in the possession of his widow and her children.

On the 12th of November, 1870, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Throckmorton to Miss Mary J. Hicks, who was born November 2, 1846, and reared in Morrow county and who is a daughter of John and Letitia (Banbury) Hicks, the former of whom was born in Cornwall, England, on the 14th of March, 1813, and the latter of whom was also a native of England. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were united in marriage on the 7th of October, 1841, and they were the parents of four children—three sons and one daughter, namely: Mardenbro, Thomas, Henry and Mary J. Letitia (Banbury) Hicks was born at Lancell parish, county of Cornwall, England, whence she immigrated with her parents to America at an early day. The trip across the Atlantic was made in an old sailing vessel which consumed six weeks in making the voyage. After landing in this country the family proceeded to Ohio, locating at Gambier, where for a number of years they had charge of the boarding hall of Kenyon College. After Letitia's marriage to John Hicks, in 1845, they removed to the vicinity of Centerburg, which section was then practically an unbroken wilderness. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks were very devout Christians and were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. The following clipping taken from an old copy of the *Christian Advocate* and pasted in the family Bible by Mother Hicks was greatly cherished by Mr. Hicks, its sentiments having been incorporated into his daily life.

"My lot in life, I find myself where I am and what I am. My duty is submission. My privilege is enjoyment. Because I am sick or disabled I need not be useless or unhappy. I accept my situation as of divine appointment and will try to be contented with it. Lamenting over the past will do no good; I cannot recall or change it. My Heavenly Father has permitted matters to be with me just as they are and he knows best; I know he loves me. No rebellion will be in my heart nor murmur escape my lips. My Saviour has promised his grace sufficient. Trusting all to my Father's loving care, I will do what I can, making the place where my lot is cast as bright and cheerful as possible, and will work and wait with patience till I am permitted to go to my heavenly home."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Throckmorton became the parents of four children: Mabel L., Maud R., Verner C. and Edna M. The children all grew up in a fine moral atmosphere, proved to be studious and early adapted themselves to their work and studies in a most commendable manner. The three daughters were all graduated in the Sparta high school with high honors and the son attended high school until one month prior to his graduation, at which time he was forced to leave school on account of his mother's illness. Mabel L., was married, in 1898, to B. F. Powell, and they maintain their home at Mount Gilead, Ohio. They have one son, Leland T., whose birth occurred in 1904, and who is now attending school. Maude R. fitted herself for teaching and by her adaptability and kindness succeeded in winning for herself the good will of her pupils and their respective parents. After completing high school she taught first in Morrow county and later at Centerburg. She then went to Monroe, Iowa, whence she went to Newcomers-town, Ohio, and finally she engaged in teaching in Minnesota. Returning home in March, 1904, however, with a lingering illness, she was laid to rest on the 7th of September, 1904, at the early age of twenty-eight years. Edna M., the youngest daughter, was also engaged in teaching for a time prior to her marriage to Mr. Carl Patrick, on the 30th of September, 1908. Mr. Patrick is a son of Edward and Ella (Arkins) Patrick, who reside near Vails Corners, and he grew to maturity on the old Patrick farm and after completing the curriculum of the district schools was graduated in the Sparta high school. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patrick have one daughter, Maude Ellen. Verner C., was united in marriage, on the 8th of September, 1909, to Miss Hallie O. Van Sickle, a native of East Liberty, Ohio, and a daughter of John C. and D. Estella Van Sickle. Mrs. Throckmorton was graduated in the Marengo high school and she is a woman of many accomplishments and rare charm of personality. Mr. and Mrs. Throckmorton have one son, Kenneth.

Mr. Charles Throckmorton's health began to fail and after a few months of illness he was summoned to the life eternal. His parting words to his family were: "Make sure of Heaven as it is all there is worth living for." In his fraternal associations he was a valued and appreciative member of the time-honored Masonic Order and while he never manifested aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office of any description he was a staunch advocate of the principles and policies promulgated by the Republican party in his political convictions. He was a man of fine moral fiber and he was numbered among the best known and most highly honored citizens of Morrow county at the time of his demise, on the 20th of September, 1896. His life course was marked by valuable and generous accomplishments along normal lines of endeavor and his measure of success was large, but greater than this was the intrinsic loyalty to principle, the deep human sympathy and the broad intellectuality that designated the man

as he was. He was in the most significant sense the architect of his own fortunes, having built the ladder by which he rose to high esteem, and he took high ground on the subject of temperance. His heart was attuned to generous impulses and his innate kindness and generosity made him a power for good in all the relations of life. After the death of her husband Mrs. Throckmorton with the aid of her young son continued to run the old home farm, where she still resides. She is a woman of charm and graciousness, one who is deeply beloved and admired by all who have come within the radius of her gentle influence.

CHARLES C. VANNATTA.—Noteworthy among the active and highly esteemed citizens of Morrow county is Charles C. Vannatta, who has been associated with the mercantile interests of Washington township for nearly a quarter of a century, and who, on November 8, 1910, was elected county clerk of Morrow county, the large majority of votes cast at the polls in his favor showing his popularity as a man and a citizen. A son of John Vannatta, he was born September 14, 1863, in North Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio.

Born in New Jersey, John Vannatta was there brought up and educated. In 1844, ere attaining his majority, he came westward to Ohio, and subsequently made a permanent settlement in North Bloomfield township, where he spent his remaining years. He married in 1850, Margaret McCallester, who was born in the Emerald Isle. At the age of six months she was brought by her parents to the United States, and in Washington township, Morrow county, Ohio, she grew to womanhood, and was educated. To her and her husband twelve children were born, seven of whom were living in the closing months of the year 1910, as follows: William, of Mount Gilead, Ohio; David R., a general merchant in Iberia; Dr. H. L., of Wyandot county, Ohio; Mattie, widow of Sylvester Price, of Ada, Ohio; Charles C., the special subject of this brief personal review; E. E., and Frank, of Marion, Ohio.

Remaining a member of the parental household until twenty-one years of age, Charles C. Vannatta obtained the rudiments of his education in the rural schools of his native district, after which he attended the public schools of Ada and the Iberia College. He began life for himself as a teacher, but for the past twenty-four years has been identified with mercantile affairs in Iberia.

Mr. Vannatta married, November 6, 1890, Mary E. Kerr, of Marion, Ohio, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Dwight, born April 7, 1892, is a graduate of the Iberia public schools and of the Iberia College; Forest, born November 5, 1896; and Lowell, born April 24, 1900.

Politically Mr. Vannatta is one of the leading Republicans of his district, and as a loyal, public-spirited citizen has never shirked the responsibility of office. He has served efficiently as a member

of the Iberia Board of Education; was for twelve years clerk of Washington township; and on the first Monday of August, 1911, will assume the office of county clerk of Morrow county, a position to which he was elected by a majority of one hundred and thirty-eight votes in his own township, in which the Republicans usually have but thirty-five majority, while his majority of the votes cast in Morrow county amounted to six hundred and two. Fraternally Mr. Vannatta is a member and past chancellor of Iberia Lodge, No. 561, Knights of Pythias.

HARRY B. McMILLIN.—Progress is man's distinctive mark alone, and it is fortunate for the world that there have been those who could triumph over the forces of circumstances and environment and through their resourceful energies contribute to the march of development and progress. The efficient and popular cashier of the National Bank of Morrow county, at Mount Gilead, may well be given alignment among those who have bravely met and overcome adverse conditions and have won success and honor through their own sterling attributes and well directed efforts. He has been practically dependent upon his own resources since his boyhood days, and, setting to himself a high standard, none can deny that he has pressed steadily and earnestly forward to the mark or large and worthy accomplishment as one of the world's noble army of productive workers. Mr. McMillin is a native son of Morrow county and here has found ample scope for the accomplishment of marked success along normal lines of enterprise, while his course has been so ordered as to give him secure place in the confidence and esteem of the community that has ever represented his home and in which he thus sets at naught any application of the scriptural apothegm that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country."

Harry Bradley McMillin was born in Mount Gilead, the judicial center of Morrow county, Ohio, on the 3d of March, 1870, and is a son of Reverend Milton and Nancy (Mercer) McMillin, the former of whom was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Knox county, Ohio. Reverend McMillin was a man of fine intellectual attainments and was comparatively a young man at the time of his death. He was graduated in Washington and Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, and then prepared himself for the ministry of the Presbyterian church, in which he was duly ordained. He labored with all of zeal and devotion in his high calling for a period of fifteen years, at the expiration of which he was summoned from the scene of life's mortal endeavors, at Lexington, Ohio, in 1876, at which time he was forty-three years of age. He held various pastoral charges, in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and he assumed the pastorate of the Presbyterian church in Mount Gilead about 1866, retaining this incumbency until shortly before his death. His wife, a woman of gracious personality



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and much culture, had been a successful and popular teacher in a seminary at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, prior to their marriage, and she long survived him, having continued her residence in Mount Gilead until she was summoned to the life eternal, in December, 1908, at the venerable age of seventy-eight years. She won the affectionate regard of all who came within the sphere of her gentle and kindly influence, and her memory is revered in the little city that so long represented her home. At the time of her husband's death he was left with but slender financial resources and upon her frail shoulders was placed the heavy burden of rearing her five little sons, ranging in age from four to twelve years, to lives of usefulness and honor. Bravely did this noble woman face the grave responsibility thus devolved upon her, and in after years she was not denied her reward, for her children were ready indeed to "rise up and call her blessed," the while they accorded her the utmost filial solicitude. All of her sons have made for themselves places of usefulness in connection with the practical activities of life, and two of the number have followed in the footsteps of their father, in that they have become valued and able members of the clergy of the Presbyterian church: Walter L., the eldest of the sons, is general manager of the Yeomans & Shedd Hardware Company, one of the leading wholesale concerns of Danville, Illinois; Reverend Edward M. is pastor of the Presbyterian church at East Liverpool, Ohio; Frank B. is general manager of the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company, of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Harry B., whose name initiates this review, was the next in order of birth; and Reverend Frederick N., the youngest of the sons, is pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Walnut Hills, a beautiful suburb of the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Harry B. McMillin was about six years of age at the time of his father's death, and when a mere boy he secured work in a brick yard and tile mill, by means of which occupation he largely provided for his own maintenance, besides assisting his widowed mother. In the meanwhile he was not denied the advantages of the excellent public schools of his native place, though he worked assiduously during the vacation seasons and at other times when the average boy was at play. He has never regretted the discipline thus involved and does not feel that he was in the least deprived of the heritage of the average youth. He was finally enabled to complete the curriculum of the Mount Gilead high school, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1887, and thereafter he entered Wooster University but abandoned his university course to assume the position of clerk in the National Bank of Morrow County, with which institution he has been connected with continuously for nearly a quarter of a century, within which, through faithful and efficient service, he has advanced step by step until he has become its cashier—an office to which he was elected in 1905. The other members of the executive corps

of the bank are as here noted: M. Burr Talmage, president; Melvin B. Talmage, vice president; and the directorate includes, in addition to these officers, Dr. Nathan Tucker, Calvin H. Wood, Asa V. Miracle, William Edward Miller, Amza A. Whitney, J. Charles Criswell, Harry S. Cruikshank, and Bryant B. Lewis. The National Bank of Morrow County is recognized as one of the substantial and ably managed financial institutions of this part of the state, and it bases its operations upon ample capital and the representative personnel of its stockholders, all of whom are men of prominence and sterling worth of character. The specific capital stock of the bank is fifty thousand dollars, but through accumulated earnings this amount has been doubled, while during the regime of Mr. McMillin as cashier the deposits and other resources of the bank have increased fully one-half. Conservative policies are followed in all departments and the resources now aggregate more than five hundred thousand dollars. It is uniformly conceded that Mr. McMillin has been a potent factor in the upbuilding of the splendid business of this bank, and he has gained precedence as one of the essentially representative business men of his native city, where he is also known as a citizen of utmost loyalty and public spirit, well worthy of the unequivocal esteem in which he is held in the community which has ever been his home and in which he has risen to success on the ladder of his own building. His career offers both lesson and incentive to aspiring young men who are dependent upon their own exertions and powers in fighting the battle of life, for like him they may hold the needle true to the pole-star of faith and hope and thus "work out their own salvation."

Mr. McMillin gives his influence and tangible cooperation in the promotion and support of enterprises and measures tending to advance the material and civic prosperity of his home city and county, and in Mt. Gilead he is an interested principal in a number of leading industrial corporations. He is president of the Buckeye Milling Company, is treasurer of the Hydraulic Press manufacturing Company, one of the most important manufacturing corporations of Mt. Gilead, and is manager of the Mt. Gilead Savings & Loan Company. He is also a member of the directorate of the Commercial Savings Bank of Galion, Crawford county, and is the owner of valuable farming land in Morrow county.

Though never manifesting any predilection for political office, Mr. McMillin is found arrayed as a stanch supporter of the principles and policies of the Republican party, and in a fraternal way he is affiliated with Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons; Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 169, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, of which last named organization he is past chancellor. Mrs. McMillin holds membership in the Order of the Eastern Star, an adjunct of Masonry, and also in the Daughters of Rebekah, an

auxilliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both Mr. and Mrs. McMillin are most zealous and devoted members of the First Presbyterian church of Mt. Gilead and are active in the various departments of its work. He is a valued member of the Presbyterian Brotherhood and before the same has given a number of effective addresses, while he has also been frequently called upon to deliver addresses before other church and public assemblies, in which connection he has proved himself an interesting and effective speaker. In the midst of the many exactions of his business interests he finds time to enjoy the social amenities of life, and both he and his wife are prominent in the leading social activities of their home community, their home being a center of cordial and graeious hospitality.

On the 27th of June, 1894, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McMillin to Miss Margaret Boner, who was born on the homestead farm of her parents, near Chesterville, Morrow county, on the 24th of August, 1870, and who is a representative of honored pioneer families of this county. She is a daughter of S. and Mary (Thomas) Boner, both of whom were likewise born and reared in Morrow county, where her father has long been numbered among the representative exponents of the agricultural industry—a citizen of sterling character and influential in public affairs of a local order. Mrs. McMillin received excellent educational advantages, including a course in the Cardington High School, in which she was graduated, after which she attended the Marion Normal College, at Marion, this state. For some time prior to her marriage she was a successful and popular teacher in the schools of her native county. She is a prominent figure in social, church and literary circles in Mt. Gilead, where she is president of the Mt. Gilead Free Public Library and a charter member of Serosis, besides which she is treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Marion Presbytery. Mr. and Mrs. McMillin have two children, Mary Elizabeth and Edward Milton.

SAMUEL S. SNYDER.—As a successful agriculturist of North Bloomfield township, a trustworthy citizen and a man of strict integrity and high moral principles, Samuel S. Snyder is eminently deserving of special mention in this biographical work. A son of David Snyder, he was born March 28, 1862, in Sandusky township, Richland county, Ohio, coming from honored pioneer ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Henry Snyder, came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in the earlier part of the nineteenth century. Locating in Sandusky township, Richland county, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, from which he improved a fine homestead, on which his twelve children were born and reared and on which he and his faithful wife spent most of their remaining years.

David Snyder was born on the home farm in Sandusky township in 1825. Soon after his marriage he came to North Bloomfield

township, and was here successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, in 1884, owning and managing a well improved farm. He married Mary M. McCollum, who was born in Ohio in 1828, and resides in Galion, this state, and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Harriet E., deceased, was the wife of the late Benton Mitchell; B. W., a prosperous farmer of Congress township, married Eva Dickerson; Samuel S., the subject of this brief sketch; and Frank C., who married Flora Day, is a rural mail carrier in Galion, on route No. 1.

But a small child when he came with his parents to North Bloomfield township, Samuel S. Snyder attended the district schools during the winter terms and worked on the farm summers until nineteen years old, when he further advanced his education by an attendance at the Ohio Central College in Iberia. Fitted for a professional career, Mr. Snyder taught seven winter terms of school, being otherwise employed the remainder of the years. Preferring the occupation of his ancestors, he then turned his attention to agriculture, and has since devoted his time and energies to the tilling of the soil and the raising of stock, in both branches of industry being prominent and prosperous. He owns a farm of two hundred acres six miles southeast of Galion, and in its care and management is carrying on a thriving business, his operations as a general farmer being extensive and lucrative.

On March 16, 1887, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage with Frances R. Flowers, who was born in Sandusky township, Richland county, Ohio, October 8, 1865, and came with her parents, John and Rebecca (Hassler) Flowers, to Morrow county in 1866, and was here educated. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, namely: David A. and John H., twins, born January 5, 1888. These sons were educated in the public schools, and each taught school three terms when young. David married Rachel N. Rhodebeck. John H. married May Wolford, and they have one daughter, Dale N. Wolford. A Democrat in his political views, Mr. Snyder has served many years as township treasurer, and is ever interested in the advancement of local affairs. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is one of the trustees and in which he has served as Sunday school superintendent.

JOHN MCNEAL.—One of the chief sources of the wealth of the world, say the economists, is agriculture; and in the pursuits of this branch of industry in Ohio are men of ability, enterprise and skill; men who delve in the soil to good purpose, bringing forth abundant harvests from the richer ground and making the waste places fertile and productive. Prominent among this number is John McNeal, of Morrow county, who is living in Washington township, near Iberia, on the homestead where his birth occurred March 20, 1838.

Joseph McNeal, his father, was born and reared in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Migrating to Ohio in early life, he located first in Marion county, where he established a carding mill and a linseed oil mill. About 1830 he came to Morrow county, which was then in its pristine wildness, deer, bears and wolves being plentiful, while the deep forests were still the Indian's hunting grounds. Entering a tract of land near Iberia, in Washington township, he hewed a homestead from the forest, and was there successfully employed as a tiller of the soil until his death, which was caused by a runaway accident while he was returning from a trip to Mansfield. He was a man of sterling integrity, prominent in the community, and served as justice of the peace many years. He was well educated, and as a young man taught school during the winter terms. He married, March 14, 1833, Martha Struthers, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and to them five children were born, of whom John, the subject of this sketch, is the third in order of birth.

Brought up on the home farm, John McNeal acquired his preliminary knowledge of books in the district schools and in Ohio Central College in Iberia. During the Civil war, in 1861, Mr. McNeal with a company of volunteers in Cardington and Iberia, it being Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with his comrades participated in many engagements. At the battle of Stone River he was wounded through the left pelvis, and lay on the battlefield ten days before receiving aid. Notwithstanding his exposure, he recuperated and served in the army three years. His brother, Wallace McNeal, was killed in the engagement at Stone River. He was very popular both at home and in the regiment, and the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Iberia is named in his honor, being Wallace McNeal Post, No. 687. Mr. McNeal was with Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but four months when it was disbanded, but he joined Battery E, First Regiment Ohio Light Artillery, in which he served three years, and now receives a pension of seventeen dollars a month. He is a member and past commander of the Wallace McNeal Post, which was the first post organized in Morrow county. It was numbered fifty-nine when formed; but it disbanded and when reorganized was numbered six hundred and eighty-seven.

Mr. McNeal has continued in the independent occupation to which he was reared, and now owns seventy-eight acres of rich land adjoining Iberia. He is successful in his farming operations, being one of the leading agriculturists of his community. He raises fine stock, making a specialty of breeding Norman horses, while formerly he raised in addition to these many high grade roadsters.

Mr. McNeal married in September, 1876, Mary Feerer, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, October 5, 1852, and into their household six children have been born, namely: John H., born

August 11, 1877, was graduated from the Iberia High School and the law department of the University of Alabama, and is now practising his profession in Birmingham, Alabama; Wallace H., born in 1879, is at home; Neal, born October 27, 1882, is a student in the veterinary department of the Ohio State University, being a member of the class of 1911; Joseph W., born December 27, 1885, is a member of the class of 1911 at West Point; Ray, born April 12, 1888, is a graduate of the Iberia High School; and Don, born November 9, 1891, was graduated from the Iberia High School, and is now taking the agricultural course at the Ohio State University in Columbus.

Mr. McNeal was brought up in the Presbyterian faith, but is not a member of any religious organization. A prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, he served as the first chancellor of the local lodge and is a member of the Grand Lodge. Politically he is a steadfast Republican, and has filled various offices of trust, having been assessor and trustee and for six years, and from 1887 until 1893, was county commissioner, during which time Mr. A. A. Crawford and Mr. F. A. Welch being the other commissioners, the County Infirmary building was erected.

DUANE SWETLAND is one of Morrow county's most prominent and successful representatives of the agricultural industry, which Daniel Webster has called the most important labor of man. His splendid two hundred acre farm is located four miles southwest of Fredericktown and is adorned with a fine country home, which is widely renowned in a region for its fine country homes. As a citizen he enjoys high regard, for his ideas are public-spirited and progressive, and he is ever ready to give his support to all good measures likely to result in the attainment of the greatest good to the greatest number.

The name of Swetland is one held in high honor in this part of Ohio, and William Swetland, father of the subject, is one of Morrow county's best known citizens. The family is one which has long been founded in America, the first Swetland having arrived on our shores about 1676, and its history is well worth consideration. At an early date the Swetlands are found on Pennsylvania soil and it was from the Keystone state that the family came to Ohio. The Swetlands seem to have come into unusually interesting and sometimes disastrous contact with the Indians. The great-grandfather of the subject on the maternal side was killed by savages. Luke Swetland, his great-grandfather on the paternal side, was taken captive by the Indians at the time of the Wyoming massacre. The redmen took him with them to Cayuga Lake, New York, their headquarters, and as the winter was severe they suffered with hunger. Before spring, in fact, the Indians had killed and eaten every horse and dog they possessed, and Luke, learning of necessity, came to eat the horse flesh with a relish. Upon one

occasion the Indians killed a deer, which without being dressed was cut up, hide and all, and put in the camp kettles to boil. He said he could have eaten even that had not the mullen leaves with which they had covered the meat while cooking, given it such an unpleasant flavor that he found it impossible. Luke hunted for his captors and was as useful and faithful to them as he could be and gradually he won their confidence. He often went out alone into the forests and remained longer and longer, but always returned and was apparently reconciled to his fate. In course of time he came to be fully trusted and decided to make his escape. He carefully secreted some provisions and one day, about eighteen months after his capture, when he started out for a hunt he took these with him and made a break for liberty and home. Facing the perils of the forest and not daring to fire a gun or build a fire, he wandered for a long time and after enduring many days of privation he came upon General Sullivan's army. The officers doubted his story and believed him to be a spy and at first were unkind to him, but one day one of the soldiers recognized him as an old acquaintance, after which he was treated with every kindness. During his captivity he kept a dairy on birch bark, which many years afterward was published by a Mr. Osborne of Pennsylvania, who had married one of the young women of the Swetland family. Luke's son Artemus, who was a boy at the time of the terrible massacre, came to Ohio in pioneer days. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and of the stuff that the typically valiant pioneer was made of. He married Lydia Abbott, also a Pennsylvanian. The subject's grandparents were Giles and Sarah (Lewis) Swetland, who located in South Bloomfield township, and it was there that the father, William Sweetland, farmer and stockman, was born, the year of his birth being 1838. The maiden name of the mother was Cornelia. The parents of Mr. Swetland were married in 1861 and settled upon the old homestead which was owned by the grandparents, and their prosperity, worldly and spiritual, has been of the highest character. The subject is one of a family of five children, he being the eldest. Minnie R., married Frank Wolf, of Centerburg, Ohio, and their present residence is in Seattle, Washington. Selinda, deceased, became the wife of Dr. C. A. Levering, of Mohicanville; Manning L. and his wife reside near the parental home; and Burton V., engaged in the tinning and roofing business, resides at Centerburg.

Duane Swetland was born upon the parental homestead on the first day of August, 1863. He received his education in the Gardner district school and in the matter of choosing a life work followed in the footsteps of his father, becoming a successful farmer and stockman. His fertile and valuable farm is most advantageously situated. He is an optimist in his views and believes in enjoying the good things of life instead of waiting until age hinders him from enjoying them. With his wife he has taken

several extended summer journeys, their last including the Seattle Exposition, the Pacific coast, Vancouver, Victoria, British Columbia, Portland, Denver, Colorado Springs and many other points of interest in the west. They returned with a particularly interesting collection of pictures and other souvenirs from the places visited.

On the 19th day of November, 1884, Mr. Swetland laid the foundation of a happy home life and congenial marital companionship by his marriage to Miss Clara Roods, daughter of Harrison and Maria (Bell) Roods. Their union has been blessed by the birth of three children, Edith, Roscoe A and Florence. The average age of the Giles-Swetland family is eighty years.

DANIEL GEORGE WASHINGTON SMITH, familiarly known to his large circle of friends and acquaintances as "Wash" Smith, holds a position of prominence among the prosperous and progressive farmers of North Bloomfield township, his highly productive farm comparing favorably in its improvements and appointments with any to be found in this part of Morrow county. He is a native and to the "manner born," his birth having occurred, January 10, 1855, on the farm which he now owns and occupies, it having at one time been the home of his father, the late William A. Smith, and also of his grandfather, George F. Smith.

George F. Smith was born and reared in Pennsylvania, and there married Margaret A. Albauch. A few years later he came to Ohio, bringing with him his young family and all of their worldly possessions, the journey being performed with teams, the only mode of transportation in those days. He located first about two miles east from the present home of "Wash" Smith, and subsequently purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land lying in the southeast quarter of North Bloomfield township. Selling that property to his son, William A. Smith, he continued his residence in the township until his death.

Born in York county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1818, William A. Smith was young when he came with his parents to Morrow county. He assisted in the clearing of the parental homestead, which he subsequently purchased and on which he lived a few years after his marriage, it being the farm now occupied by the subject of this sketch. He was an industrious, energetic man, as a tiller of the soil meeting with much success, and he continued his farming operations until his death, June 12, 1889. He married Catherine Sorrick, who was born August 23, 1824, and died April 5, 1901. They became the parents of seven children, namely: Ephraim, born January 10, 1848; Emmanuel, born November 25, 1849; Lydia M. A., born February 7, 1853; D. G. W., the subject of this brief biographical review; John P., born October 14, 1856; Mary A., born May 23, 1858; and Levi, born November 3, 1862.

Daniel G. W. Smith, the sole survivor of the parental house-

hold, was reared on the farm where he now lives and educated in the township schools. Finding farming the occupation most congenial to his tastes, he located soon after his marriage on the original homestead, the one which his grandfather hewed from the forest, and was there a resident for two years, when he returned to his father's farm. On March 15, 1890, he once more assumed possession of the old Smith homestead, and continued its management until 1901, when he purchased the farm on which he was born and reared. Here Mr. Smith has one hundred and fifty-seven and a half acres of highly cultivated and productive land, which he is carrying on with very satisfactory results, his yearly crops being abundant and valuable. Mrs. Smith is also a landholder, owning eighty acres of good land about a half mile east of Mr. Smith's farm.

Mr. Smith married, December 13, 1877, Catherine Gattner, who was born April 5, 1855, in Morrow county, Ohio. Her father, Jacob Gattner, a native of Baden, Germany, came with his parents to the United States and subsequently resided in Morrow county until his death, July 1, 1901. He married Christenia Cronewerth, a native of Baden, Germany. She is still living, in 1911, as are eight of her nine children, their names being as follows: Catherine, Christenia, Mary A., Jacob, John F., Elizabeth, George and William B. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Frederick, deceased; Charles, who married Laura Kinsey, has two children, Louisa M. and Helen I.; Clara M., deceased; and Jacob C., a farmer. Politically Mr. Smith is a firm supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Smith belong to the Peace Reform church of North Bloomfield township, in which he is an elder, while Mrs. Smith is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society connected with it.

SEYMOUR MCANINCH.—One of the native sons of Morrow county and a member of an old and honored family of this favored section of the Buckeye state, Mr. McAninch has gained prestige as one of the aggressive and influential business men of the county and his real estate and business interests are of noteworthy scope and importance. Energy, good judgment and close application have brought him into prominence as a man of affairs, and his careful adherence to the principles of honesty, sincerity and integrity has given him secure vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem. He has won large and definite success, but has not found it necessary to infringe on the rights of others, and he is known as a liberal and loyal citizen and as a man of abiding kindness and deep human sympathy and tolerance. His residence and business headquarters are in the village of Clima where he is an extensive buyer and shipper of grain, hay and other products and where he is the owner of commodious and well equipped grain elevators.

On the old homestead farm of his father, which is endeared to him by the associations of the past, Mr. McAninch was ushered into the world on the 22nd of May, 1861, and the homestead noted is situated in Washington township, Morrow county, at a point five miles north of Mt. Gilead, the county seat. He is a son of John A. and Mary A. (Sipes) McAninch, who continued to reside on this homestead until their death, the father having passed away when about fifty-nine years of age and the mother having been seventy-three years old when she was summoned to the life eternal. John A. McAninch was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and his wife, at Sumerset, Perry county, Pennsylvania. They were early settlers of Washington township, Morrow county, and ever commanded the high regard of all who knew them. The father contributed his quota to the industrial and social development of this section of the state and was influential in public affairs of a local nature. He was originally a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. They became the parents of one child, the subject of this sketch, who still survives them.

Seymour McAninch was reared under the benignant influences and discipline of the home farm and even as a boy assumed his share of duties and responsibilities in connection with its operation. The district school of the neighborhood afforded him his early educational advantages, and the lessons thus learned have been effectively supplemented by self-discipline and by association with men and affairs. He continued actively identified with agricultural pursuits for many years and eventually became the owner of the old homestead. This is one of the well improved farms of the county and its owner takes much pride in keeping it up to the highest standard, both in the matter of improvements and facilities and in the various departments of its work. In 1903 he engaged in the general merchandise business at North Woodbury, this county with his son, where he remained about two years. For two years thereafter he was engaged in the same line of enterprise in the village of Climax, where he has since maintained his home. He finally disposed of his mercantile business and turned his attention to the buying and shipping of grain, with which he has since been actively and successfully identified. In 1907 he erected the grain elevators in Climax, and the same have done much to promote the prosperity and growth of the village, while affording valued facilities to the farmers of the adjacent sections. In connection with the elevators is maintained the freight and ticket agency for the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad, on whose line the elevators are eligibly located. Mr. McAninch now controls a large and substantial business as a buyer and shipper of grain and hay and his reputation for fairness and scrupulous honesty in all transactions is unassailable. He is the owner of seven residence properties in the city of Columbus, Ohio.

As a progressive and public spirited citizen Mr. McAninch has naturally taken a lively interest in political matters and he has been an active worker in the local ranks of the Republican party. He is at the present time a member of the board of trustees of Canaan township, having held this position five years, and he gives to his official duties careful and discriminating attention, with the worthy purpose of doing all in his power to promote the best interests of the township and its people. He is affiliated with Caledonia Lodge, No. 299, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past noble grand of the same. Both Mr. and Mrs. McAninch are zealous members of the United Brethren church in their home village and he has given to the same prolonged and effective service as a teacher in the Sunday School, of which he was also superintendent for two years.

On the 8th of December, 1881, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McAninch to Miss Emma J. Dye, who was born and reared in Washington township, this county, where her father, the late Justice Dye, was a representative farmer. Walter L., the elder of the two children of Mr. and Mrs. McAninch, married Miss Austa Allwein, of North Woodbury, Ohio, and for three years was a teacher in the public school at that place. He is now a resident of Columbus, the capital city of Ohio, where he is freight clerk in the offices of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad. He was born on the old homestead farm,, on the 6th of October, 1883. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and Knights of Pythias, being a member of Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons, also of Gilead Chapter, No. 59, Royal Arch Masons, and Iberia Lodge, No. 561, Knights of Pythias. Alta Mae, who was born on the 12th of September, 1891, is a student of music, in which art she has fine talent, and at present she resides with her parents at Climax, Ohio.

LAFAYETTE GATES.—The present able and popular incumbent of the office of county commissioner of Morrow county, Ohio, to which position he was chosen for a second term in 1910, is Lafayette Gates, who is a farmer and merchant of prominence and influence in this section of the fine old Buckeye state. He was born on the 13th of November, 1846, the place of his nativity being a farm located about one mile and a half south of Pulaskiville, in Franklin township, Morrow county. He is a son of John and Polly (Truax) Gates, both of whom are deceased, the former having been summoned to the life eternal on the 19th of January, 1891, at the age of eighty-two years and seven months, and the latter having passed away on the 7th of June, 1886, at the age of sixty-eight years and four months. Mrs. Gates was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, whence she came to Ohio in 1838, at which time she was a child of but five years of age. Her parents located on a farm in Morrow county and continued to be identified with

agricultural pursuits during the residue of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Gates were devout members of the Baptist church, with which he was affiliated for a period of thirty-three years.

Lafayette Gates, or "Lafe" as he is generally known, was reared to the invigorating influence of the home farm and he was the elder of his parents' two children, both still living. His educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools of the locality and period and he continued to be identified with farming operations on the old homestead until the time of his marriage, in 1871, at which time he located on his mother's old home farm, where he erected a small frame house. In 1873 he purchased an additional tract of nineteen acres and in 1882 he added to the original estate another tract of sixty acres. He has since bought and sold many parcels of land and his present estate consists of some one hundred and sixty acres of most arable land. All the buildings on the place are of the most modern type and his residence is one of the most beautiful in this township. Residing with him is his son Clay, who is his assistant in the work and management of the farm. In February Mr. Gates and his son, C. Clay, purchased a general store in Pulaskville, which they operated until 1901, at which time on account of the death of his daughter and the subsequent illness of his wife, Mr. Gates returned to the home farm, where he remained until March, 1903. He then purchased a store at Shauck Post Office, which he conducted until the 11th of November, 1905. In 1906 he located on a farm of one hundred acres in Gilead township, which he disposed of in 1908, when he again became the owner of a store in Shauck's Post Office. In 1909 he disposed of his interests in town and returned to the old home farm, where he has since resided. On the 12th of October, 1909, he bought an additional tract of forty acres of land.

In his religious faith Mr. Gates has ever been aligned with the Baptist church, in whose faith he was reared. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat and he is now serving his second term as county commissioner of Morrow county, to which he was elected in 1908. Just after he had attained to his legal majority he was elected to the office of assessor of Franklin township, of which he continued in tenure for one year. For nine years he was township clerk and for four years was township treasurer. All his public service has been characterized by ardent devotion to duty and as a loyal and public spirited citizen he has no superior.

On the 1st of January, 1871, Mr. Gates was united in marriage to Miss Jane E. Mann, and concerning her life and death the following lines from a local paper may be appropriately inserted here:

"Jane E. Gates, daughter of John and Christena Mann, was born August 7, 1847, and died September 3, 1901, aged fifty-four years and twenty-seven days. She was married to Lafayette Gates January 1, 1871. To them was born two children, one son who

remains to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother, and one daughter who preceded her to the eternal life just five months ago. On the 21st day of February, 1871, she was baptized by Rev. B. M.arrison and united with the Franklin Baptist church, and ever afterward remained a faithful and consistent member. Many times during her sickness she expressed a willingness to be taken home to heaven. For about two years she was a constant sufferer from that dread disease, consumption, and during the last seven weeks of her life she was confined to her bed, being constantly attended by her friends and neighbors, who rendered to her every kindness in their power, for which the relatives offer their heartfelt thanks. On the fifth day of September, 1901, her body was taken to Bryn Zion, where the funeral was preached to a very large congregation by Rev. W. H. Bedell, whom she had chosen before her death for that purpose, after which she was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery beside her daughter, with whom she has been reunited on the shores of eternal bliss." She was ever a potent influence for good in the home and was a devoted wife and mother. Cassius C. Gates, the son, was born on the 13th of October, 1872, was educated in the public schools of Morrow county and on the 23rd of December, 1897, was united in wedlock to Miss Augusta McCracken, a daughter of Wayne and Frances McCracken, of Harmony township, this county. They have two children, John M., whose birth occurred on the 26th of August, 1898; and Dale W., born October 14, 1903. Cassius Gates is a Baptist in his religious faith and fraternally he is a member of Johnsville Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Cora Anita, the deceased daughter of Lafayette Gates, was born on the 3rd of May, 1877, and she married Clay Snyder, of Denmark, on the 31st of October, 1900. She died April 5, 1901. She was educated in the common schools and was a faithful member of the Baptist church, a worker in both the Sunday School and church.

DANIEL J. HALDEMAN.—It is most pleasing to the publishers of this work on Morrow county to be able to incorporate within its pages a brief history of a man whose entire life thus far has been spent in this favored section of the fine old Buckeye state, where his success as an agriculturist has been on a parity with his own well directed endeavors. Mr. Haldeman is the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and seventeen acres in Troy township, the same being eligibly located three miles north of Johnsville, Ohio. He is engaged in general farming and the growing of good stock and is recognized as one of the most successful agriculturists in this section of the county.

A native son of Troy township, Morrow county, Ohio, Daniel J. Haldeman was born on the 20th of August, 1860, and he is a son of Henry and Lydia (Ettinger) Haldeman, both of whom are deceased. Henry Haldeman was a son of Jacob and Anna

(Mimick) Haldeman, the former of whom was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, where was solemnized his marriage and whence he and his wife immigrated to Ohio about the year 1818. Location was first made near Frederickstown, Richland county, and subsequently the Haldeman family removed to Morrow county, where Jacob Haldeman entered half a section of government land, namely, the northwest quarter of section 29, township 19, and the northeast quarter of section 30, township 20, the date of entry being the 11th of March, 1818. A portion of this land has been in the Haldeman name down to the present day and Jacob passed the residue of his life on one of his farms in Morrow county. Henry Haldeman was born in this county, in 1822, and he was reared to maturity under the invigorating influence of the old home farm, his early educational training consisting of such advantages as were afforded in the schools of the locality and period. After his marriage to Lydia Ettinger they settled on one hundred and forty acres of his father's estate, where he continued to be identified with farming during the greater part of his active career. He and his wife were zealous members of the Evangelical Association and in lieu of a religious place of worship church meetings were held in their home. They were much interested in church work and he was class leader and superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haldeman became the parents of eight children, five of whom are living at the present time, namely: William Wesley, who married Miss Mary Marshall and who is a traveling salesman by vocation, his business headquarters and home being in the city of Cleveland, Ohio; Reuben J., married Miss Mary Portner and they reside at Fort Collins, Colorado, where he is engaged in the merchandise business; Daniel J., is the immediate subject of this review; Irene is the wife of J. S. Steele, of Loveland, Colorado; and Ulysses Sidney Grant wedded Miss May Yeager and is identified with the Steam Shovel Company at Marion, Ohio.

Daniel J. Haldeman passed his boyhood and youth on the old homestead farm, in the work and management of which he early began to assist his father. He attended the district schools until he had reached his legal majority and after his marriage, in 1882, he settled upon the parental estate, where he has resided during the long intervening years to the present time. Religiously he and his wife are affiliated with the Evangelical Association of Troy township and in the same he is a member of the board of trustees. In a fraternal way he is a valued and appreciative member of the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he carries insurance, and he is also connected with the Johnsville Grange. He is a staunch advocate of the principles set forth by the Republican party in his political proclivities and he has served his township most creditably as treasurer for two terms. His splendid farm is located in Troy township, three miles north of Johnsville, and the same is

kept in a high state of improvement. It is interesting to note that one of the barns on the farm was erected in 1825 by Mr. Haldeman's grandfather. It is still in splendid condition.

On the 12th of October, 1882, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Haldeman to Miss Nettie Ruhl, whose birth occurred in North Bloomfield township, Morrow county, on the 12th of December, 1862. She is a daughter of William H. and Mary (Sorrick) Ruhl, the former of whom was a son of Amos and Catherine (Hoke) Ruhl. The Ruhl family was one of old standing in Pennsylvania, whence Amos Ruhl immigrated to Ohio in the pioneer days. William H. Ruhl was the father of six children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Amos F., is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Congress township, Morrow county; Catherine is the wife of Enos Ruhl, of the same name but no kinship, and they reside at Edison, Ohio; Charles and Miles are both farmers in North Bloomfield township, this county; Laura is the wife of William Gattner, of North Bloomfield township; and Nettie is the wife of him to whom this sketch is dedicated. Nettie (Ruhl) Haldeman received a good common school education in her youth and she is a woman of innate refinement and most gracious personality. To Mr. and Mrs. Haldeman have been born four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Charles, born on the 11th of January, 1884, married Miss May Garweick and they live in Troy township; Irene, born March 26, 1886, is the wife of Walter Stull, of Columbus, Ohio; Clyde, born November 27, 1889, is unmarried and remains under the parental roof; and Harry, born June 27, 1899, is enrolled as a pupil in the district schools.

EDWARD R. COILE.—The descendant of an honored pioneer family and an honored resident of South Bloomfield township, Edward R. Coile is numbered among the enterprising and thrifty agriculturists of Morrow county, where he owns a well-kept farm, in the management of which he exercises great skill and good judgment. He was born on the homestead where he now lives, March 28, 1867, a son of Reuben Coile and grandson of Abraham Coile, an early pioneer of Ohio, coming to this state from Virginia.

Reuben Coile was born in Virginia, but was reared in Morrow county, Ohio, coming here with his parents. He began life for himself in South Bloomfield township, buying forty acres of land, on which he carried on general farming until his death, in 1900. He married, February 13, 1845, Margaret Prosser, who survived him, passing away in 1904. Eleven children were born into their home, as follows: Alonzo, born March 8, 1846; Alford, born January 25, 1848; Thomas, born January 28, 1850; Leroy, born October 17, 1851; Lyeurgus, born May 21, 1853; Mary, born October 1, 1855, married, August 4, 1874, Judson Smothers; Riley, born June 13, 1858; Luceilia, born January 11, 1860, married, in November, 1878, Thomas James; Johanna, born February 5, 1862; Daniel,

born April 1, 1864; and Edward R., the subject of this sketch. The father of these children was a Republican in politics and a member of the United Brethren church.

Until after the death of both of his parents, Edward R. Coile resided on the parental homestead, which has become his through inheritance. Since a boy of fourteen years he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, and as a general farmer and stock breeder and raiser has met with unqualified success. For the past five years he has also been running a saw mill in Knox county. On his homestead Mr. Coile has three apple trees and a pear tree that were set out by his Grandfather Coile in 1831. The pear tree, which is sixty-five feet in height and nine feet in circumference, bore fruit every year until 1910, never missing a season. Mr. Coile is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and has served on the local school board. Religiously he belongs to the United Brethren church.

JOHN R. CLARK.—Though not unusual it is always interesting to find in the successful business world a man who has advanced step by step through the various stages of adversity until on the horizon of his visionary dreams he perceives the dawn of success. Such men are the making of the great American republic and it is to them that this country owes its prestige as the foremost nation in the world. Colonel John R. Clark has through his own endeavors achieved a noteworthy success and in addition to his fine farms and other interests in the vicinity of Mount Gilead he is known as one of the best auctioneers in Morrow county, Ohio.

Colonel John R. Clark was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, on the 25th of March, 1858, a son of James W. and Martha Jane (Hart) Clark. The Clark family came to Knox county, Ohio, in 1862, locating in Middleburg township, where the father was identified with farming and where the parents passed the residue of their lives. They left their old home in Virginia because it had become a battleground in the Civil war. They were quiet, unostentatious people, honest and upright in principle and highly esteemed in the community. Colonel Clark was but four years of age at the time of his parents' arrival in Ohio. What schooling he received as a boy came in the intervals of a rugged life of farm work and hard manual labor. He continued to attend the district schools until he had attained to the age of eighteen years, when he devoted his entire time and attention to the work and management of the home farm. When he had reached his legal majority he accepted employment with another farmer in the immediate neighborhood and so well pleased was his employer with the service he rendered that he kept him as an assistant for a period of twelve years. During all that time he had saved but little money, less than a hundred dollars in all, and he had met, wooed and married Miss Elizabeth J. Dawson, a young and interesting lady in





"SPRING BROOK FARM," RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN R. CLARK



JOHN R. CLARK AND FAMILY

Morrow county, the ceremony having been performed in 1888. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Clark were very poor in worldly goods and they immediately rented a farm in Franklin township, this county, where they turned their energy to good account. Both were hard workers, the wife applying herself with the same vigor which characterized her husband, and in the busy seasons she too worked in the field. Through their untiring industry they have now acquired a competency, owning two fine farms of two hundred and fourteen acres in Morrow county and a beautiful residence in Mount Gilead. In 1908 they removed from their farm to Mount Gilead, where they have since resided and where they are esteemed as most useful and influential citizens.

Frequently attending public sales, John R. Clark would listen to the auctioneer and coming home on one occasion he remarked to his wife: "I can do auctioneering as well as anybody." Accordingly he hung out his shingle. This was in 1890 and the first year was one of marked success in his new vocation, in which Colonel Clark won for himself an enviable reputation as an auctioneer. He has cried as many as one hundred and ninety-six sales in one year; fifty-nine in sixty working days; has made sales in six different states and in thirty-two counties in Ohio. His services are required nine months out of the twelve and on this account he finally removed from his farm to Mount Gilead, where his services are constantly in demand. During the fall of 1909 he conducted one of the largest farm chattel sales ever made in Ohio. The sale occurred on the farm of Cepter Stark, at Sunberry, Ohio, and the amount of the sale was over \$43,000.00 of chattel property.

Mrs. Clark is a woman of splendid business ability and she has managed every branch of the farm with alacrity. She is a woman of fine native intelligence and refinement and is deeply admired and beloved by all who have come within the sphere of her gracious influence. In addition to his two farms and his residence in Mount Gilead Mr. Clark is an extensive stockholder in the Peoples' Savings Bank and in the Citizens' Telephone Company. He is a liberal hearted man and is always on the alert to back up measures advanced for the general welfare.

In July, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Clark to Miss Elizabeth J. Dawson, who was born at Waterford, Knox county, Ohio. She is a daughter of Alfred W. Dawson, who was likewise a native of Knox county, where his birth occurred on the 3d of June, 1840. Alfred W. Dawson was a son of Turner and Lucinda (Tolle) Dawson, both of whom were born and reared in Virginia, whence they came to Ohio in an early day. Mr. Dawson early became identified with the work of the home farm and although he received but meager educational training in his youth his natural alertness enabled him to acquire extensive information on various subjects and to become a man of influence in the community in which he resided. On July 9, 1861, he married Miss

Martha J. Stephens, born in Center county, Pennsylvania, who came with her parents to Morrow county, Ohio, in 1849. In Franklin township, this county, she grew to maturity and was educated. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson became the parents of six children, whose names are here entered in order of birth: Mrs. Clark, George W., John S., Franklin T., Charles W. and Burgess, who died in infancy. Bradford Dawson, an uncle of Mrs. Clark, served two terms as sheriff of Morrow county and for a time was deputy state warden in the prison at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one daughter, Martha B., who was born on the 13th of February, 1897, and who is a student in the graded schools at Mount Gilead.

Politically Colonel Clark is aligned as a stalwart in the ranks of the Republican party and he has been most active in the local councils of the party. He is a member of Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, and his wife is a devout member of the Christian church. Colonel and Mrs. Clark have achieved a splendid success in life and are recognized as two of the foremost citizens in Mount Gilead, where the number of their friends is coincident with that of their acquaintances.

REVEREND SCHUYLER E. SEARS, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, was born in Sharon township, Medina county, Ohio, April 7, 1868. He is the son of Earl B. and Mary E. (Frizzell) Sears. Mr. Sears traces his ancestry back to Richard Sears, of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, one of the early English settlers who located there in 1639. His grandfather's name was Calvin, son of Calvin, son of David, son of James, son of Silas, son of Silas, son of Richard Sears. His grandmother on his father's side was related to Commodore Perry and to Professor Samuel F. B. Morse, the great inventor of telegraphy.

His father being a farmer, Mr. Sears passed the first eight years of his life on a farm. Then the family home was changed to Wadsworth, Ohio, where he attended the graded schools and high school. After his graduation from the Wadsworth high school, in 1886, he accepted a position as clerk in that town, and was thus occupied there until the fall of 1889, when he entered Baldwin University at Berea, Ohio. He completed a course in this institution and graduated in 1893, with the degree of A. B. His education was now being directed with a view to his entering the ministry, and following his graduation from the university he went to Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, where he completed a theological course and graduated, in 1896. After this Baldwin University conferred upon him the degree of A. M. In the fall of 1896 he entered the North Ohio Conference, and was assigned work at Perrysville, Ashland county, Ohio, where he filled a charge three years. He was ordained deacon at Wellington, Ohio, September 27, 1896, by Bishop Charles H. Fowler, and received his

elder's orders at Millersburg, Ohio, September 25, 1898, at the hand of Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell. Reverend Sears was at Creston, Ohio, from 1899 to 1905; at Columbia, Ohio, one year; at Thirteenth Avenue church, Lorain, Ohio, three years; and since the fall of 1909 has occupied his present position as pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church at Mt. Gilead. Unabated zeal for his work, together with his special fitness for the ministry, has made Reverend Sears a potent force for good in the different pastorates he has filled. He is a writer as well as a speaker. Both prose and poetry from his pen have appeared in religious and secular papers.

Mrs. Sears, formerly Miss Inez Gortner, is a native of Shelby, Ohio, and a graduate of the Shelby High School and Baldwin University, she having received the degree of B. L. from the latter institution in 1893. The Reverend and Mrs. Sears have one son, Kingsley G., born August 1, 1902.

WILLIAM A. BROLLIER.—Eligibly located at a point six miles northwest of Mount Gilead, in Gilead township, is the fine farmstead owned and operated by Mr. Brollier, who is known as one of the progressive agriculturists of Morrow county and whose standing in the community is such as to entitle him to representation in this historical compilation.

William A. Brollier was born in Ashland county, Ohio, on the 13th day of July, 1856, and is a son of Levi and Mary (Rowland) Brollier, the former of whom was born in the state of Pennsylvania, and the latter in Ohio. The father was a farmer by vocation and both he and his wife are deceased, the father dying in Allen county and the mother in Morrow county. They were earnest and industrious folk of sterling character and ever held the esteem of all who knew them. William A. Brollier was about four years old at the time of the family removal to Knox county, this state, where he was reared to adult age on the home farm, in the work of which he early began to lend his aid, the while he duly availed himself of the advantages of the district schools. At the age of sixteen years he came to Morrow county, and at the age of eighteen years he initiated his independent career by securing work as a farm hand. He was thus employed by the month for a number of years and finally he purchased his present homestead, which comprises one hundred and two and one-half acres of excellent land, nearly all of which is under effective cultivation. Energetic and progressive in his methods, Mr. Brollier exemplifies the best modern systems and methods in the various departments of his farming industry, and he gives his attention to diversified agriculture and the raising of high grade live stock. He has been indefatigable in his efforts and his success has been worthily won, the while his course has been so guided as to retain to him at all times the confidence and good will of his fellow men. In politics he accords a staunch support to the cause of the Republican party and he is

at the present time serving as a member of the school board of his district. He takes a vital interest in all that conserves the industrial and social wellbeing of the community and is one of the representative exponents of the agricultural enterprise in his township. He has made excellent improvements on his farm, including the erection of good buildings, and he avails himself of the best modern facilities in the various departments of his farm work. Mrs. Brollier is a member of the Presbyterian church in Mount Gilead.

On the 2nd of September, 1880, Mr. Brollier was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ada Elliott, who was born on her father's farm in the northwest corner of Gilead township, Morrow county, on the 21st of July, 1859, and who is a daughter of the late Asa Elliott, one of the honored pioneers of the county. Concerning the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Brollier the following brief record is given: Lester E., who married Miss Minnie Rife, resides in Bellevue, Huron county, where he is engaged in the restaurant business; Minnie E. is the wife of Rene Dailey and they reside on a farm in the vicinity of Cleveland, this state; George, who is engaged in railroad work, resides at Napoleon, Henry county; and Miss Nevada remains at the parental home.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR C. CORWIN.—A man of scholarly tastes and attainments, possessing a well trained mind and excellent executive ability, Professor Arthur C. Corwin, superintendent of the Iberia High School, holds a position of note among the leading educators of Morrow county, where his experience as an instructor has been largely gained. No calling has a wider-reaching and more potent influence than that of the educator and thus it is a matter of general congratulations to find the duties of an office such as his in the hands of one so well qualified. A son of Charles E. and Lucy (Gantt) Corwin, he was born October 2, 1883, in Sparta, Morrow county, Ohio, and there reared on a farm.

Laying a substantial foundation for his future education in the district schools, he was graduated from the Sparta High School, after which he continued his studies at the University of Wooster, in Wooster, Ohio. Having fitted himself for the career pedagogic, Professor Corwin began his career as a district school teacher in his home township and subsequently was engaged by the schools of Mount Liberty, Knox county. In 1904 he was employed as superintendent of the Alum Creek High School, where he remained one year and the following year he was elected to a similar position in the Troy township high school, which position he held two years, resigning to accept his present position. It was in the year 1907 that the Professor was elected superintendent of the Iberia High School and he has ever since been actively connected with the institution. Under his regime the school is in a flourishing condition, sustaining a high rank among similar institutions of learning in this part of the state. Mr. Corwin is highly esteemed in literary

and social circles and takes deep interest in educational matters, as a member of the Morrow county Board of School Examiners performing the duties devolved upon him most ably and faithfully.

On the 6th day of June, 1906, Professor Corwin established an independent household by his marriage, his chosen lady being Mamie E. Cooper, of Williamsport, a former teacher in the public schools and a daughter of E. E. and Jora (Brewer) Cooper. They have one child, a son named Harold, born November 2, 1909. Politically the Professor is a sound Republican. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the sons of Veterans, and religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

BRYANT M. MEREDITH.—Noteworthy among the active and prominent citizens of Chesterville is Bryant M. Meredith, who for many years one of the leading merchants of the place and is now well known throughout this part of Morrow county as an undertaker. A native of Chesterville, Ohio, he was born August 25, 1870, being a son of the late George Meredith.

George Meredith imbibed the spirit of patriotism in his youth, and soon after the breaking out of the Civil war offered his services to his country, enlisting first in Company G, Twentieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and at the expiration of his term of enlistment becoming a member of Company C, Fifteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During his service of four years, one month and thirteen days in the army he took part in many campaigns and hard-fought battles. At the engagement of Stone river he was taken prisoner, and first confined at Castle Lightning and later in Libby prison, where, while sleeping, both of his hips were broken by a falling piece of timber. He married Minerva Ralston, and both died in early life, leaving their five children, Addie, Charles, Laura, Emma and Bryant M., to the care of their grandfather and grandmother Meredith.

Doubly orphaned when but twelve years of age by the death of his paternal grandparents, Bryant M. Meredith was thrown upon his own resources, his only assets being a brave heart, willing hands and an unlimited amount of ambition and courage. Working faithfully at anything he could find to do, he was successful in his undertakings, and having accumulated some money embarked in mercantile pursuits in Chesterville, becoming junior member of the firm of Bonner & Meredith, which conducted a prosperous business for many years. Subsequently, in partnership with Fred Livingston, Mr. Meredith purchased an interest in an undertaking establishment, and has since carried on a substantial business, being well patronized.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Meredith, although living in a district that is distinctively Republican, has held various local offices, his election to the same being strong proof of the esteem and confidence in which he is held throughout the community, and

proving his popularity with all classes of people. He has served as town clerk a number of terms; has been a member of the Chesterville Board of Education for eight years; and has three times been elected township treasurer.

Mr. Meredith married, May 12, 1898, Essie Howard, of Chesterville, and they have one son, Miles Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are numbered among its active workers. Mrs. Meredith was born in Morrow county, Ohio, a daughter of Benjamin Howard and a granddaughter of Jesse and Mary (Burns) Howard, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Pennsylvania, and pioneer settlers of Chester township, Morrow county, Ohio.

Benjamin Howard was born October 25, 1837, in Chester township, Morrow county, and during his active career was engaged in agricultural pursuits, being a progressive and prosperous member of the farming community. A man of spotless integrity, he was held in high esteem by his fellow-men, and his death, April 17, 1907, was a loss to the community. Mr. Howard married, October 28, 1858, Lydia J. Tims, who was born September 17, 1837, coming from substantial pioneer ancestry. Her parents, James and Sarah Tims, natives of New Jersey, located in Ohio in 1839, being among the early settlers of Morrow county. They had a family of ten children, as follows: Phoebe, George, Sanford, Rubina, Jonathan, who became a successful physician; Watson, Alexander, Josiah, Melinda and Lydia J.

Four children were born of the union of Benjamin and Lydia (Tims) Howard, namely: Luther, Clarence D., Jesse and Essie. Luther Tims, who inherited a portion of the home farm and has built a substantial residence just across the road from the house in which his parents lived for so many years, married Hattie George, and they have one child, Ethel Esther, wife of Charles Hildebrand, by whom she has two children, Ruth Marie and Iris Elizabeth. Clarence D. Howard, who occupies a part of the old homestead, has remodeled the house, and is profitably employed in tilling the soil. His first wife, whose maiden name was Jennie M. Stillie, died July 1, 1887. He married second Nellie A. McCutcheon, daughter of James and Elizabeth McCutcheon, and they are the parents of seven children: Oakey, Earl, Bernice, Waldon, Lister, Dorothea and Dwight. Jesse Howard, the youngest son, married Anna Graham, and they have five children, namely: Maurice, Hubert, Lulu, Elsie and Carrie. Essie Howard, the youngest daughter, became the wife of Bryant M. Meredith, the subject of this sketch.

Mrs. Benjamin Howard preceded her husband to the life beyond, passing away March 26, 1906. Both Mr. and Mrs. Howard were converted when young and united with the Baptist church in later years, however, uniting with the First Day Adventist church, at Sparta, and thereafter being among its most honored and devoted members.

WILLIAM A. FERGUSON.—Among the decidedly progressive and enterprising farmers of Troy township, Morrow county, Ohio, William A. Ferguson holds prestige as one whose success has been on a parity with his well directed efforts. He is the owner of "Spring Glenn Farm," comprised of three hundred and eighty-eight acres of most arable land and situated fourteen miles north-east of Mount Gilead, Ohio. In addition to his agricultural operations Mr. Ferguson is director in the Lexington Savings Bank, at Lexington, Ohio, and he is a heavy stockholder in the Morrow County Telephone Company. In all his business ventures Mr. Ferguson has met with unqualified success and he commands the unalloyed regard of his fellow citizens, both by reason of his sterling integrity of character and his fair and honorable methods.

William A. Ferguson was born within the borders of North Bloomfield township, the date of his nativity being the 30th of July, 1858. He is a son of William R. and Mary S. (Morrow) Ferguson, both of whom have long since passed into the great beyond, the former on the 23rd of May, 1874, and the latter on the 19th of October, 1870. Following is a brief history of the Ferguson family. Of four brothers, all of whom were born and reared to adult age in Scotland, one immigrated to the United States; one journeyed to Australia; one moved to Ireland and the fourth remained a true son of his native heath, passing practically his entire life in Scotland. John Ferguson was the brother who went to Ireland and of his children, four sons and one daughter, all came to the United States, settling in the state of New Jersey, in the early Colonial epoch of our national history. One of the last mentioned, John Ferguson by name, was the great-grandfather of him to whom this sketch is dedicated. He was the father of a number of children, among whom one was David, who married Miss Lydia J. Robertson, who bore him two children, namely: William R. and Lydia J., the latter of whom became the wife of Robert W. White. Mr. and Mrs. White were united in marriage on the 18th of February, 1841, and they now maintain their home in Warriek county, Indiana. After the death of his first wife, who died on the 7th of December, 1824, David Ferguson married Miss Nancy Ard, who died without issue.

William R. Ferguson, father of the subject of this sketch, was reared to adult age near Newville, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, to the public schools of which place he is indebted for his preliminary educational training. As a young man he turned his attention to the pedagogic profession and he was engaged in that line of work in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He was a man of broad mind, being very well read, and he was a quick and ready debater. He was married, on the 13th of April, 1843, to Miss Mary S. Morrow, and two years later removal was made to Ohio. Leaving his wife at Mansfield, in Richland county, Mr. Ferguson came to what is now Troy township, Morrow county,

and after looking about him for a time he purchased a farm in North Bloomfield township, to which he brought his family. In 1857 he erected a fine new farm house on his estate but the family had resided therein for scarcely a year when it was destroyed by fire. He then bought a tract of one hundred and fifty-four acres of land in Troy township, on which he resided during the residue of his life. He was a stock-grower and a wool buyer and he accumulated quite a fortune during the strenuous days of the Civil war. He was one of the leading members of the Presbyterian church, in the various departments of whose work he was an active factor and in which he was an elder for a number of years. He was the father of seven children, all of whom are deceased except William A., of this review. Concerning the others the following brief data are here incorporated: David M. was a member of Company D, Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted for service in the same on his eighteenth birthday, August 8, 1861. He was a gallant and faithful Union soldier and sacrificed his life in defense of his country, his death having occurred on the 11th of January, 1862, on board the ship Louisiana. Mary J. died at the age of about eighteen years; Margaretta died when in her seventeenth year; Lydia I. passed away when nineteen years old; Emma was summoned to the life eternal in her sixteenth year; and James B. died at the age of twenty-one years.

William A. Ferguson passed his boyhood and youth on the farm on which he was born and his educational advantages consisted of such training as could be procured in the district schools of Troy and Bloomfield townships. When twenty years of age he went west and passed one year in the states of Colorado and Washington. He then returned to Ohio and soon thereafter was recorded his marriage, the date of which was September 9, 1879. After that important event location was made on what is now known as Spring Glenn Farm and which now consists of three hundred and eighty-eight acres of finely cultivated land, the same being located fourteen miles northeast of Mount Gilead, Ohio. Mr. Ferguson is eminently successful as a farmer, the major portion of his time and attention being devoted to general agriculture and the raising of high-grade stock. He is a stockholder and one of the directors of the Lexington Savings Bank, at Lexington, Ohio. This substantial and reliable monetary institution is capitalized with a stock of twenty-five thousand dollars and is one of the best concerns of its kind in Ohio. Mr. Ferguson is also a stockholder in the Morrow County Telephone Company. He is a man of unusual executive ability and finely developed business instincts.

On the 9th of September, 1879, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ferguson to Miss Emma J. Shauck, who was born on the 6th of January, 1860, and who is a daughter of Henry L. and Leah (King) Shauck. Henry L. Shauck was a son of Henry Shauck, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. Henry Shauck, Sr., located

in Richland county, where he entered as much as six hundred and forty acres of land. He was a civil engineer by profession and was a man of splendid education and many talents. Leah King was a daughter of Jacob King and as the wife of Henry Shauck she became the mother of six children, concerning whom the following brief data are here recorded: John J. resides in Richland county, Ohio; Albert K. maintains his home at Shelby, Ohio; Emma J. is now Mrs. William A. Ferguson; and Ermina, Ellen and Allen are deceased. Mrs. Ferguson was educated in the public schools of Richland county and she was for one year a student in the seminary at Lexington, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have been born five children: Lulu Blanche, born July 29, 1881, was graduated in the Johnsville High School and for a time was a student in the state university at Oxford, Ohio, after which she was engaged in teaching for four years prior to her marriage to J. W. Hirth, of Congress township, Morrow county, Ohio; Ethel B., born on the 17th of July, 1882, was graduated in the Johnsville High School, after which she was matriculated in the Normal School at Columbus, Ohio, and she is now a teacher in the city schools of Columbus, Ohio, as is also Bernice L., who was born on the 8th of February, 1885, and who received excellent educational advantages in her youth. Both daughters will enter the Ohio State University in 1916. William S., born on the 21st of July, 1895, is now a student in the Johnsville High School; and Mary K., born May 8, 1908, is the beloved baby of the family.

In their religious faith the Ferguson family are devout members of the United Evangelical church, in which Mr. Ferguson is class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school, in addition to which he is president of the Troy and Perry Sunday School Association. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with Johnsville Lodge, No. 469, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past noble grand; and Johnsville Grange, in which he is past master. He is also a director in the Partons' Mutual Relief Association, of Belleville, Ohio. While he has never been ambitious for the honors or emoluments of public office of any description, Mr. Ferguson has ever manifested that deep and sincere interest in public affairs which is prolific of so much good for the general welfare of the community and county at large. He is a man of fine principle, is conscientiously devoted to his duties as a husband and father and is everywhere accorded that unqualified esteem which is the outcome of sincere admiration and true friendship.

LEWIS C. MITCHELL.—It is always pleasing to the biographer or student to enter into an analysis of the character and career of a successful tiller of the soil. Of the many citizens gaining their own livelihood, he alone stands pre-eminent as a totally independent factor, in short "Monarch of all he surveys." His rugged honesty and sterling worth are the outcome of a close association with

nature and in all the relations of life he manifests that generous hospitality and kindly human sympathy which beget comradeship and which cement to him the friendship of all with whom he comes in contact. Successfully engaged in diversified agriculture and the raising of cattle, sheep and horses, Mr. Lewis C. Mitchell is decidedly a prominent and popular citizen in South Bloomfield township, where he has resided since 1865.

Near Mount Liberty, Knox county, Ohio, on the 6th of April, 1841, occurred the birth of Lewis C. Mitchell, who is a son of Almond and Margaret (Hawkins) Mitchell, both of whom are deceased. The father was a son of Silvenus Mitchell, who was a colonel in the war of 1812, in which several of his brothers served as gallant and faithful soldiers. The grandfather came to Ohio from Connecticut about the year 1800, he having been one of the early pioneers in this section of the fine old Buckeye state. Mr. Mitchell's parents were married in Knox county, Ohio, in 1836, and to them were born a family of fifteen children, twelve of whom grew to years of maturity. The names of the children are here entered in respective order of birth: Harris, Emer, Lewis (of this review), Alice, Betsey, Albert, Welthy, Torrence, Maria, William, Laura, Dana, Mary, and two who died in infancy, unnamed. Lewis C. Mitchell was reared to adult age under the influences of the old home farm in Knox county, in the district schools of which place he received his preliminary educational training. He left school when a youth of fifteen years of age and when nineteen years of age he engaged in farming on his own responsibility. As a young man he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war, becoming sergeant of Company F, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with his regiment until after the battle of Perryville, when he was discharged on account of disability. After remaining at home for one year he had regained his health and then reenlisted for one hundred days service, being later appointed second sergeant. He participated in all the important battles in which his regiment took part and received his honorable discharge and was mustered out of service in 1864. After his marriage in 1861, Mr. Mitchell settled in Knox county, and in 1865 he located on his present fine farm in South Bloomfield township, the same being an estate of one hundred and fifty-seven acres of most arable land. In addition to general farming he devotes considerable attention to the raising of high-grade cattle, Delaine sheep and Pereheron horses. He has been decidedly successful in all his business ventures and as a stock-raiser is a man of prominence in Morrow county.

On January 1, 1861, Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Lenora Orsborn, who was born and reared at Knox county, and who is a daughter of James and Sophronia (Thatcher) Orsborn, the latter of whom was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Thateher, of New Jersey. The Thatcher family came to Ohio

from New Jersey in the early part of the nineteenth century and settlement was made in Knox county, where Thomas Thatcher entered a large tract of government land. James Orsborn was a resident of Morrow and Knox counties and is now deceased. He was a mechanic by occupation and was eighty-three years of age when he died. To Mr. and Mrs. Orsborn were born four children, namely: George, Jerusha, Curtis and Lenora, who is now Mrs. Mitchell. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are the parents of six children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Charles M., born July 17, 1861, is a mechanic at Bloomfield, Ohio, and he married Miss Carrie Corwin; Myrtle E., born November 24, 1863, is the wife of Charles Slack, of Sparta, and they have one son, Ray; Lulu M., born May 12, 1866, is now Mrs. W. E. Wilson, of Sparta; W. Delano, born May 7, 1871, is engaged in the hardware business at Sparta, and he has three children, Harold, Pearl and Ferne; Edwin W., born July 9, 1873, is a mechanic at Sparta, and has one son, Donald; and Elmer C., born July 15, 1875, remains at the parental home. It is interesting to note at this juncture that of the twelve children in Mr. Mitchell's family each became the parent of six children except one.

Politically Mr. Mitchell is a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies for which the Republican party stands sponsor, and while he has never manifested aught of ambition or desire for the honors or emoluments of public office he is ever on the *qui vive* to do all in his power to advance the general welfare of the community in which he has so long maintained his home. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with various organizations of a representative character and he and his family are devout members of the Disciple church, to whose charities and benevolences he has ever been a most liberal contributor. He is a man of fine moral fiber, is well read and intelligent and as a citizen is deeply admired and respected by his fellow men.

DAVID FEIGLEY.—One of the well known citizens and extensive landholders of Canaan township, David Feigley is a scion of one of the honored pioneer families of Morrow county, where his father took up his abode prior to the organization of the county, the major portion of which was then a part of Marion county. The name has been worthily and prominently identified with the development of the agricultural resources of this favored section of the Buckeye state and he whose name initiates this review has well upheld its prestige. He is the owner of a valuable landed estate of three hundred and seven acres in the county and is one of the honored and influential native sons of said county, his fine homestead farm being located in Canaan township.

David Feigley was born on his father's pioneer farmstead one mile south of the present village of Climax, in Canaan township, and the date of his nativity was March 17, 1842. He is a son of

William and Lucinda (DeWitt) Feigley, the former of whom was born in the state of Maryland and the latter in Ohio. The father was ninety-two years of age at the time of his death and the mother passed to the life eternal at the age of seventy-three years. They were widely known in Morrow county, which represented their home for many years and which was the place of their death. The mother was a member of the Methodist church and their lives were upright, generous and kindly. Of their sixteen children twelve were reared to years of maturity and of the number only four are now living: Samuel, who is a resident of Canaan township; David, who figures as the immediate subject of this review; Mary, who is the wife of Willie Simpson, of Union City, Indiana; and Lucinda, who is the wife of Mitchell Kilgore, a representative farmer of Canaan township. The father came from Hagerstown, Maryland, to Ohio soon after attaining to his legal majority and he settled in that part of Marion county that is now Canaan township, Morrow county. Here he reclaimed a farm from the forest and on the old homestead he reared his large family of children with all of solicitude and affectionate care, the while he encountered his full quota of the deprivations and vicissitudes which fell to the lot of the pioneer whose financial resources were limited. He was a man of strong character and impregnable integrity, and his name merits an enduring place on the roster of the worthy pioneers of Morrow county.

David Feigley's early experiences were those gained in connection with the work of the homestead farm on which he was born, and he has never regretted the discipline that taught him the dignity of honest toil. His educational privileges were those offered in the common schools of the locality and period, and these he attended only during the winter terms, when his aid was not in requisition in connection with the work of the farm. Upon attaining to his majority he started out to fight the battle of life for himself, and for the first two years he was employed at farm work for others, under yearly contracts. He soon afterwards assumed conubial responsibilities, and he has noted in an appreciative and reminiscent way that when he was married his capitalistic resources were summed up in the amount of three hundred dollars, while he had not yet become the owner of any land. His first purchase of land was made in 1875, when he secured a tract of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Canaan township. He reclaimed this to cultivation and labored with all of zeal and earnestness to improve his status in life. As his resources became more ample he continued to make judicious investments in farm lands in the county and, as already stated, he is now the owner of more than three hundred acres of land, the major portion of which is available for cultivation and provided with the best of improvements. He has a commodious and attractive residence and the home is known for its generous hospitality. The success of Mr. Feigley as one of the world's

workers is gratifying to contemplate, as it has been worthily won through legitimate avenues of industry. Just and sincere in his relations with his fellow men, he has not been denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem in the county that has ever represented his home, and he is to-day one of its substantial citizens and prosperous farmers and stock-growers. His political allegiance is given to the Democratic party and while he has never sought or desired public office he has been at all times ready to do his share in supporting measures advanced for the general good of the community.

On the 26th of February, 1865, Mr. Feigley was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Bailey, who was born in Gilead township, Morrow county, on the 2d of December, 1844, and who is a daughter of the late David and Sarah (Weaver) Bailey, worthy pioneer citizens of this county, where they continued to reside until their death. Mr. and Mrs. Feigley became the parents of two children—Sarah, who is the wife of Victor L. Brooks, a successful business man of the village of Edison, this county; and William H., who was a farmer by vocation and who died in Canaan township on the 3d of July, 1906, at the age of thirty-seven years and six months.

ISAAC SIMON BALLIETT is closely identified with the agricultural interests of Morrow county, being pleasantly located in North Bloomfield township, where he is profitably engaged in general farming on his mother's estate, which he is managing with ability and success. The worthy descendant of an honored pioneer of this county, he is especially deserving of mention in this volume. He was born March 18, 1863, in Crawford county, Ohio, a son of Enoch Balliett. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Balliett, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Ohio in pioneer days and located in Morrow county, where he improved a farm.

Enoch Balliett was born in North Bloomfield township, Morrow county, in October, 1830, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. During his early manhood he resided in Crawford county a few years, but in 1867 returned to Morrow county, and having purchased land in North Bloomfield township carried on general farming until his death, March 8, 1883. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Klopfenstein, was born April 17, 1830, in Switzerland, a daughter of John Klopfenstein. Seven children were born of their marriage five of whom are now living, as follows: Samuel E., of Galion, Ohio; Hannah, wife of M. J. Mackey, of Crawford county, Ohio; Sophia E., wife of Henry Muth, of North Bloomfield township; Isaac S., the subject of this brief sketch; and Amanda E., wife of William Cronwet, of North Bloomfield township.

His parents moving from Crawford county to Morrow county when he was a child of four years, Isaac S. Balliett was here educated, attending the rural schools of North Bloomfield township

until seventeen years of age, when he began doing a man's work on the home farm. A natural mechanic, with a liking for machinery of all kinds, he became interested in threshing machines when young, and for thirty-one years has handled a threshing outfit, doing much of the threshing in his locality and having now one of the best and latest improved threshing machines in this part of the county. Mr. Balliett has charge of his mother's farm, which contains one hundred and fifty-one acres of productive land, and constitutes with its improvements one of the best pieces of property in the neighborhood. Mr. Balliett owns one and one-half acres of valuable land in Galion, and has other property interests of value. He is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, and for many years has been an active member of the local school board.

On April 15, 1883, Mr. Balliett was united in marriage with Mrs. Sirmiley Howard, who was born on a farm in Morrow county, in April, 1862, being a daughter of John Park. Into their pleasant household eight children have been born, seven of whom are living, namely: Grover, living in Crawford county, Ohio, married Lettie Bohl; Daisy M., who married Alva Walker, of Mahoning county, has one child, Lester; Lloyd R.; John C.; Alda D.; Hannah V.; and Dewey. All of these children were educated in North Bloomfield township, acquiring their knowledge of books in the same school that their father attended when a boy. Since 1879 Mr. Balliett has been a member of the German Reformed church at Galion, to which his wife also belongs. He is a member of Galion Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 215, of which he is noble grand, and both Mr. and Mrs. Balliett belong to the Rebekah Lodge, No. 284.

PLIMPTON B. CHASE.—The name of Chase is one which is held in great honor and affection in Sparta and Morrow county. The family is one of the oldest in the state, the great-grandfather of him whose name inaugurates this review having founded the family here, taking up his abode upon the fair acres which constitute the beautiful summer home of the present generation. The Chases have ever proved useful and admirable citizens, and their true, strong manhood and womanhood has left an indelible imprint upon the history of the section, while those of the name who have wandered farther afield have taken with them the high traditions which are its characteristics.

Plimpton B. Chase, son of Beverly W. and Martha Chase, was born April 1, 1860, at what is now his country home, "Beverly," adjoining the village of Sparta. It was originally a farm of one hundred and fifty acres and owned by his grandfather, Benjamin Chase. His great-grandfather, Beverly Chase, after serving in the Revolutionary war received his share of land for his patriotic services at this place, and here maintained his homestead until his



"BEVERLY"



BEVERLY W. CHASE



MARTHA CHASE



death. "Beverly" is rightly considered one of the most attractive country places in the central part of the state and is occupied in the summer months by Mr. Chase. No part of it is devoted to agricultural purposes, but located upon it is a splendid golf course covering fifty acres, Mr. Chase and his family being enthusiastic devotees of this sport. Next to golf his favorite recreation is hunting wild turkey in Virginia, where he spends the month of November of each year.

The Chase family is of distinguished English origin, being descendants of Sir William Chase, high steward to the household of King Henry VIII. He had four sons, the eldest, Sir Richard, remaining in England, and the other three brothers, William, Thomas and Aquilla, coming to America. William came over in 1630 in the fleet which brought Governor Winthrop and his colony to Massachusetts. From William, Plimpton B., is a direct descendant, being of the ninth generation.

Mr. Chase spent his early life on the parental farm. He attended the village school until fifteen years of age, and from then to the age of twenty he was engaged in teaching school and attending Oberlin College. His first charge was the Bethel School, about two miles north of Sparta, when he was sixteen years of age. In 1880 Mr. Chase commenced the study of law with Colonel W. C. Cooper at Mt. Vernon, and was admitted to the bar on April 5, 1881. He remained at Mt. Vernon from that date until 1898, and during those years was engaged in the practice of law, besides being active in commercial pursuits. His originality, initiative and fine executive capacity early became apparent and he was identified with a number of important enterprises. He was the largest stockholder and managing director of the Mt. Vernon Electric Railway & Lighting Company, constructing the street railroad and Lake Hiawatha Park. It was this company which furnished the city with electric lighting. He was also largely interested in the Electric Light Companies at Bryan and Millersburg and managed the same for a period covering more than twelve years. In addition he held the office of city clerk and secretary of the Water Works at Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Chase's identification with Washington D. C., dates from the year 1898, and there he has spent each ensuing year with the exception of the summer months. In the national capital he is well known as the proprietor of Chase's Theatre, and as the inaugurator of polite vaudeville and he has been eminently successful. It has been his earnest endeavor to provide polite and wholesome entertainment for persons of culture and refinement and his pursuance of this policy has been fruitful of the most gratifying results. For five years he held the position of president of the Association of Vaudeville Managers of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Chase's activities have not been wholly confined to professional and commercial pursuits. He has also had the opportunity to engage in philanthropic work, an enumeration of his deeds in this field being indeed remarkable and an eloquent commentary on a particularly admirable character. He furnished one half the sum required for the erection of the Methodist church at Sparta; and gave the initial contribution which made possible the Young Men's Christian Association building at Mt Vernon. He is now at the head of a national movement to increase the salaries of all government employes and to secure for them retirement with pay. This leaves unmentioned many lesser benefactions.

Mr. Chase was united in marriage in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, December 22, 1885, to Miss Anna Bird, the daughter of William and Maria Bird. There are two children, Ethel Bird Chase, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College in 1910, and now engaged in teaching in Miss Maderia's School in Washington; and Harold Beverly Chase, who was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1911, and is now associated with his father in business, while at the same time taking a three year law course in Georgetown University.

Mr. Chase's father, Beverly W. Chase, farmer and stockman, was born in South Bloomfield township, November 21, 1830. His parents were Benjamin and Elvira (McCloud) Chase and he was the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children, whose names were Cynthia, William, John, Beverly, Huldah, Daniel, Hannah, Reuben and Henrietta. Beverly spent his youth upon his father's farm, attending the schools in the locality and by his studiousness fitting himself for teaching, his pedagogical career including thirteen terms of school in the Gardner district and being of a highly successful character. He was married, April 4, 1855, to Miss Martha Howard, daughter of Elias and Mary (Evans) Howard. Martha had four sisters: Susan, who married John Holt; Rachel, who married J. Y. Beers; Kate, who married Henry W. Ramey; and Esther, (unmarried) deceased. The latter was affectionately known as "Aunt E" by the many to whom she had endeared herself by her sweetness and worth of character. Mary Evans Howard was Welsh, the only one of Mr. Chase's forbears who was not English.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Chase, in ideal companionship and helpfulness, worked together to establish a home for themselves and their children. They were ever noted for their kindness and generosity, never failing in their ministrations to the sick and needy, and their benefactions being ever of the most quiet and modest sort. They were devout Christians and honored members of the Methodist Episcopal church and always took an active part in all matters looking to the advancement of its good causes. It may truly be said of these worthy people, now gone on

to their reward, "To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die." Perhaps no event in their lives was more delightful to them than when Mr. Plimpton B. Chase, upon one of his visits to them, announced his determination to assist the good people of Sparta in the erection of a fine modern church. His generous offer was accepted, the work was begun and in a few months the church was ready for dedication, Mr. Chase bringing his family from Washington to attend the service. The church, by his order, was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, which after the dedication services were sent to every sick and aged person in the neighborhood. This church—the Methodist Episcopal—stands in a fine location and is not only a monument to his generosity but a fitting memorial to the memory of his parents, who a few years later were laid to rest, the father dying March 23, 1908, and the mother February 10, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly W. Chase were the parents of two children—the immediate subject of this review and Blanche, who became the wife of Joseph T. Tarbill and resides in Delaware, Ohio.

ADAM CRIDER.—The substantial, progressive and well-to-do agriculturists of Morrow county have no more worthy representative than Adam Crider, who through his own exertions has met with success as a farmer and stock raiser and is now living retired from active pursuits at his pleasant home in Iberia, enjoying the fruits of his years of toil. A son of Daniel Crider, he was born May 9, 1849, in Crawford county, Ohio, not far from Middletown.

Born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Daniel Crider came to Ohio in search of a favorable location, and having bought land in Crawford county was there employed in tilling the soil the remainder of his life. He married Mary Horn, a native of Pennsylvania, and of their union eleven children were born, seven of whom are now, in 1910, living, as follows: Anna, wife of Hezekiah McClure, of Crawford county; Catherine, wife of Nathan Cooper, also of Crawford county; Lydia, wife of Adam Ashcroft; Louisa, of Leesville; Daniel, of Leesville; Adam, the subject of this brief sketch; and Joseph, of Denmark.

As a boy and youth Adam Crider assisted in the labors incidental to farm life, obtaining a practical knowledge of the various branches of agriculture. When ready to begin work as a wage earner he engaged for a time in railroading, afterwards becoming a tiller of the soil. A man of untiring energy and ambition, possessing good judgment, he has met with more than average success in his labors as a farmer and stock raiser, and is now the owner of one hundred and thirteen acres of valuable land lying one mile north of Iberia, eighty acres being in Tully township. He has been especially successful as a dealer in stock, buying, feeding and shipping hogs, an industry which he finds profitable when carried on judiciously.

Mr. Crider married on November 21, 1876, Josephine Holmes,

and they are the parents of four children, namely: Walter, who is married and lives in Tully township, Marion county; Clifford, married and living in Morrow county; Claudia, wife of Jay Auld, of Greene county; and Tamar, wife of James Nelson, of Marengo, Ohio. Fraternally Mr. Crider is a member of Galion Lodge, No. 186, K. of P., and religiously he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

BRYANT B. LEWIS.—The specific and distinctive office of biography is not to give voice to a man's modest estimate of himself and his accomplishments, but rather to leave the perpetual record establishing his character by the consensus of opinion on the part of his fellow men. In addition to his varied interests as stockman and banker, Bryant B. Lewis is the owner of a fine farm of some three hundred acres of most arable land in Bennington township, Morrow county, Ohio, which he rents out to tenants. Mr. Lewis is a native son of Morrow county, his birth having occurred on the parental homestead in Westfield township on the 28th of August, 1860. He is a son of John C. and Harriett (Brundage) Lewis, both of whom are deceased, the former having been summoned to eternal rest in 1911, and the latter having passed away about 1898. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lewis became the parents of four children, two of whom are now living, and of whom Bryant B. was the first in order of birth.

Bryant B. Lewis was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm in Harmony township, to the district schools of which place he is indebted for an excellent common school education. He continued to attend school until he had attained to the age of twenty years, at which time he turned his attention to the great basic industry of agriculture. As a youth he had become quite adept in the handling of cattle and all kinds of live stock and shortly after assuming the responsibilities of life he devoted some time to the stock business. Finding that line of enterprise decidedly lucrative he eventually devoted all his time to it. He made money rapidly and was engaged in the buying and selling of live stock for fully twenty years, during which time he rose to affluence. At the present time, in 1911, he is president of the Marengo Banking Company, which popular monetary institution does an extensive business at Marengo, Ohio. This bank was organized on the 15th of March, 1904, and was incorporated as a state bank with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars. Its official corps is as follows: Bryant B. Lewis, president; J. D. Vail, vice president; and J. W. Nelson, cashier. Its board of directors consists of J. D. Vail, S. F. Mosier, C. H. Wood, Mell B. Talmage, George Thomas, Dr. F. E. Thompson, William L. West, B. B. Lewis and Dr. J. W. Pratt. The bank is one of the most substantial financial concerns in Morrow county and one of its best assets is the sterling integrity and reliable character of its officers. Mr. Lewis' varied business

interests in this section of the state are of broad scope and importance. He is the owner of considerable valuable real estate in Marengo and holds a tract of three hundred acres of splendidly improved farming lands in Morrow county.

Mr. Lewis wedded Miss Clara Allen, who was born and reared in Licking county, Ohio, and who is a daughter of Frank Allen, long a representative farmer in that section. He is yet living, a resident of Licking county, Ohio. Mrs. Lewis received her early educational training in the public schools of her native place and she is a woman of most pleasing personality, commanding the love and admiration of scores of warm and sincere friends. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have three children: Virgil, who was born on the 26th of April, 1892; Howard, whose birth occurred in the year 1897; and Madeline, born in June, 1906. The elder son, Virgil, after a good public school education, entered the Marengo Bank in the capacity of teller, in which connection he is displaying marked business ability and an extraordinary grasp of financial affairs, which augurs well for his future as a prominent and successful banking and business man. The younger son, Howard, is a student in the high school at Marengo.

In politics Mr. Lewis is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and while he has never had any aspiration for public office of any description he is deeply interested in all matters tending to advance the general welfare, giving liberally of his aid and influence in behalf of all such projects. Fraternally he is affiliated with Ashley Lodge, No. 407, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Marengo Lodge, No. 216, Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor. He greatly enjoys home life and takes keen pleasure in the society of his family and friends. He is always courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally have for him a warm regard. A man of great ability, his success in business in Morrow county has been uniform and rapid. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation. He is yet living, a resident of Licking county, Ohio.

ERNEST P. GEORGE.—Proprietor of one of the leading restaurants in Mount Gilead and this section of Morrow county, Ernest P. George is also a fine representative of the young men who have succeeded in business as the result of unvarying industry, sheer determination, straightforward methods and natural ability, trained from early boyhood. Moreover, he comes of a splendid family which for generations has "made good" both on the battlefields of war and in the strenuous conflicts of commerce and trade.

Mr. George is a native of Mount Gilead, born on the 12th of April, 1885, to Davies P. and M. Belle (House) George, the parents

both being children of the Buckeye state—the father born in 1856 and the mother, in 1855. Davies P. George is a retired miller, having been for many years an owner in the extensive business of the House Milling Company. In order to revert to the origin of the company it is necessary to mention the maternal great-grandfather of Ernest P. George, Richard House, who was the founder of the business in the early pioneer days of the city and county. He came to Mount Gilead from Knox county, Kentucky, and became one of the first business men of that place, both in point of time and character. Richard House married Miss Mary Clemons, a native of England, and when their son, John C., was sixteen years of age he was apprenticed in his father's mill. Of this he finally assumed control and conducted it, with the family characteristics of a well trained mind and skillful hands, for a period of sixty-two years, during which the business had grown to firmly established importance among the industries of the region.

Davies P. George became a partner of John C. House and in due time his son, Ernest P., of this sketch, was apprenticed to learn the trade and business in the old mill which had been founded by his maternal great-grandfather. Besides this son, who was the second child to be born into the family, Mr. and Mrs. George became the parents of Herbert, who is a farmer in Congress township, this county; Anna, who married Willard Hatton, a resident of Mount Gilead; John H., deceased; and Miriam.

Ernest P. George, of this review, obtained his early education in the public schools of Mount Gilcad, and commenced his apprenticeship in the old House mill when twelve years of age. When he had attained his majority he moved to Cresline, and for three years remained in the employ of Weaver Brothers, millers of that place. In April, 1908, he returned to Mount Gilead and became associated with his father in the operation of a bakery, on the 1st of January, 1909, moving to Caledonia, where he conducted an independent venture in the same line until April 10, 1910. Upon the latter date Mr. George purchased what was originally known as the Candy Kitchen of Mount Gilcad, which he has since transformed into a first-class restaurant, where healthful and appetizing food is neatly served and the pleasant surroundings are such as to further account for its wide popularity. Mr. George is a stalwart and progressive Republican in his private opinions, but has never sought to bring himself into public notice, although he is deeply interested in what is of real moment to the general good and advancement. As to his affiliations with organized social and religious movements it should be added that he is an esteemed member of the Knights of Pythias (Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195), and is active in the work of the Methodist church. Mrs. George is also earnest in the manifold activities of the latter organization.

On the 19th of November, 1903, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. George to Miss Blanche Irwin, a daughter of William A.

and Jeannette (Richardson) Irwin. Her parents reside on their fine farm and country estate four miles north of Mount Gilead. Mrs. George's paternal grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania, whence he came to Ohio in the days of the primitive pioneers and settled upon a wooded tract of six hundred and forty acres, or a square mile of forest land. His first dwelling place in this dense wilderness was a tent, which he occupied until he could throw together a rude log hut; from these rude beginnings he advanced to prosperity along the rugged paths laid out for the pioneer of his day, and eventually became wealthy and prominent. William A., his son and the father of Mrs. George, inherited considerable of the paternal property, and now owns and operates a valuable farm on one hundred and fifty acres in Washington county. Mrs. George has a brother, Clarke Irwin, who lives on an adjoining homestead, as well as three sisters—Cora, Eva and Ina. By her marriage she has become the mother of Richard Irwin George, whose birth occurred on the 19th of September, 1904.

As an indication of the intimate connection of the two families with each other and their long identification with the history of Morrow county, it is suggestive to know that nine of Mr. George's great-great-grandfathers, great-grandfathers and grandfathers rest in its mellow and kindly soil; that his grandfather, E. P. George, and his wife's father, William A. Irwin, both served in the Civil war as members of Company G, One Hundred and Sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; and that the paternal great-grandfather, Henry George, was a soldier in the war of 1812, in whose naval fortunes the state of Ohio had so vital an interest.

BENTON E. GOODRICH.—On his fine farm of two hundred and thirty-five acres of most arable land in Washington township, Morrow county, Ohio, Mr. Benton E. Goodrich is turning his energy to good account and since engaging as an agriculturist his success has been on a parity with his well directed endeavors. In Harmony township, Morrow county, on the 11th of June, 1858, occurred the birth of Mr. Goodrich, whose parents were Abner J. and Drucilla (Graham) Goodrich. He was the second in order of birth in a family of three children, the others of whom are Marion and William, both of this county. Abner J. Goodrich was engaged in farming during the major portion of his active career and he was summoned to eternal rest in 1869, his wife having passed away October 12, 1909, aged eighty-five years and six months. Mr. Goodrich was a soldier in the Civil war for about a year, and he received an honorable discharge. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Goodrich was a member of the Baptist church. Both are interred in Beulah cemetery in Congress township.

When eighteen months old Benton E. Goodrich accompanied his parents on their removal to Congress township, this county, in

whose public schools he was educated. He remained at home until thirty-one years of age, at which time he was married and after that event he rented a farm in North Bloomfield township, on which he resided for the ensuing four years. In 1893 he purchased a tract of forty acres in Washington township and subsequently he purchased more land, so that he now owns and operates a fine estate of two hundred and thirty-five acres of highly cultivated land. In politics he endorses the cause of the Democratic party and he has been honored by his fellow citizens with various local offices of trust and responsibility, among them being those of land appraiser, school director for the past four years, constable and justice of the peace. On the 8th of November, 1910, he was elected as a member of the board of infirmity directors. Fraternally he is a member of the Washington Grange, No. 1728.

On September 26, 1890, Mr. Goodrich was united in marriage to Miss Rosina Parks, who was born in North Bloomfield township, July 31, 1873, and who was reared and educated in Wood and Sandusky counties, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich became the parents of three children one of whom is deceased, namely: Calvin, born in 1892 and who died in infancy; Elmer A., born September 9, 1890, remains at home, as does also Drucilla J., whose birth occurred September 6, 1898.

Mr. Goodrich has been a hard worker all his life and he is a good manager and a good financier. He is a man of broad information and much kindness of spirit and he and his wife are numbered among the best known and most influential citizens of this county.

BURTON C. RAMEY.—It is but mete that in a history of the careers of representative citizens of Morrow county, Ohio, be accorded recognition to him whose name initiates this review. Mr. Ramey has resided on his splendid country estate in South Bloomfield township during practically his entire life time, and the same is one of the model farms in this section of the country. It comprises one hundred and forty-four acres and is in a high state of cultivation, the substantial buildings and general air of thrift which pervades the place being the best evidence of Mr. Ramey's ability as a practical agriculturist.

Burton C. Ramey is a son of Alonzo Ramey and he was born on a farm in Knox county, Ohio, on the 4th of January, 1868. Alonzo Ramey was a grandson of Peter Kile, one of the oldest settlers in South Bloomfield township, and he was born in 1842, a son of T. A. and Melinda (Kile) Ramey. Peter Kile was the father of ten children, namely: John Reason, Melinda (Mrs. T. A. Ramey), Simon, Washington, Ransom, Harvey, Catherine, Mary E. and William W. Alonzo Ramey was one in a family of six children: Alonzo, Armida, Washington, Brown, Emmett and Orpha. He farmed until he was twenty years of age and he then, in 1862,

enlisted as a soldier in the Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving with all of gallantry and faithfulness for a period of ten months, at the expiration of which he was so reduced by disease that he was discharged and mustered out of service. Thereafter he was an inmate of the parental home until his marriage, October 4, 1864, to Miss Sarah A. Mortley, a niece of David Mortley, who wrote the constitution of Ohio and who was long actively connected with the progress and development of the old Buckeye state. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Ramey became the parents of two children: Delma, born July 9, 1865; and Burton C., the subject of this review. Mr. Ramey passed his life as a farmer and he resided upon the old Peter Kile estate until his death, March 3, 1907.

Mr. Ramey, of this notice, was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm, in the work and management of which he early became associated with his father. His educational advantages consisted of such privileges as were afforded in the public schools of his native place and after his marriage, in 1890, he assumed active charge of the old home farm, upon which he has resided during the long intervening years to the present time. This estate was the first tract of land to be entered in this section of Morrow county, the original owner having been Peter Kile, great-grandfather of Mr. Ramey. It is interesting to note that Mr. Ramey has in his possession the old sheep-skin deed, signed by President James Monroe, which Mr. Peter Kile received when he settled here. Diversified farming and the raising of high-grade Delaine sheep occupy Mr. Ramey's working hours and he holds prestige as one of the most successful farmers in this vicinity.

On the 9th of October, 1890, Mr. Ramey was united in marriage to Miss Belle Bockover, who was born and reared at Sparta, the date of her nativity being the 25th of December, 1872. She is a daughter of James and Mary Bockover, of Chester township. Mr. and Mrs. Ramey have one son, Homer A., whose birth occurred on the 2nd of March, 1892. He was graduated in the Sparta High School as a member of the class of 1908 and for one year was a student in the Parkville University, at Kansas City, Missouri. He is now engaged in teaching in the public schools of this county and in the same is achieving marked success. He has remarkable talent in public speaking and is known throughout this section of the state as the young boy orator. He has a magnetic voice and personality, has a wonderful command of language and his eloquent manner of presenting his speeches has been the means of winning to him numerous medals in the various contests in which he has participated. In August, 1906, he was presented with a silver medal at Sparta; in the following October he won a gold medal at Mount Gilead; in August, 1907, at Levering, Ohio, he won the grand gold medal in the Women's Christian Temperance Union contest; at a contest at Steubenville, Ohio, he won second place; and in November, 1907, he was chosen from seven candidates as

the winner of the diamond medal at Nashville, Tennessee. In the last-mentioned contest seven states were represented: Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Texas, and the finals were held at Nashville, Tennessee, on the 9th of November 1907. In this contest Mr. Ramey was awarded the diamond medal and he had the honor of meeting personally the governor of Tennessee, who heartily congratulated him for his success. A brilliant future is predicted for this gifted son of Ohio.

In his political adherency Mr. Ramey accords a staunch allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and he is an ardent sympathizer with all measures and enterprises advanced for the general welfare of the community. In a fraternal way he is connected with the Sons of Veterans at Mount Vernon, Ohio. He and his wife are popular and prominent factors in connection with the best social activities of their home township and hold a secure vantage ground in the confidence and esteem of their fellow citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Ramey have four of the old parchment deeds, the oldest one being signed by President James Monroe, April, 1819. Two of 1834, are signed by President Andrew Jackson, and the other signed by President John Quincy Adams. This makes twelve of the old heirloom deeds found in Morrow county and they are valuable documents.

WILLIAM J. LANGDON.—Among the native sons of Morrow county who have shown full appreciation of its attractions and advantages and have here found ample scope for productive effort in connection with the great industry of agriculture is Mr. Langdon, who is one of the progressive farmers and stock-growers of Gilead township, where he owns ninety acres of the old homestead farm on which he was born and where he occupies the residence in which he was ushered into the world on the 2d of August, 1876.

William J. Langdon is a son of Samuel and Hattie (Jaggers) Langdon, the former of whom was born in St. Joseph county Michigan, where his parents settled in the early pioneer days, and the latter of whom was born and reared in Licking county, Ohio, their marriage having been solemnized on the 23d of March, 1865. Of the three children it may be recorded that Robert, the eldest of the number, is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Morrow county; Nellie died at the age of ten months; and William J., of this sketch, is the youngest. The father is a resident of Morrow county and an agriculturalist. His wife died April 4, 1910. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Samuel Langdon is numbered among the prosperous farmers and representative citizens of Gilead township and is influential in local affairs of a public nature. He was a child at the time of his father's death and was reared to manhood in the home of Robert Stanley, of Morrow county, Ohio, whither he came in the year 1839. He remained on the farm of his foster-father

until he had attained to his legal majority, and in the meanwhile he attended the district schools during the winter terms, when his services were not in requisition in connection with the work of the farm. When twenty-two years of age, in company with two other young men, he went to Iowa, making the overland trip with team and wagon, and in Mahaska county, that state, he secured a quarter section of government land. He remained in Iowa five months and then returned to Ohio, where he finally purchased a farm, but at the age of twenty-eight years he returned to Michigan, his native state, where he remained four years, at the expiration of which he sold the farm which he had there acquired and came again to Ohio. In 1874 he purchased the fine homestead farm in Gilead township, Morrow county, and this owes the major part of its excellent improvement to his well directed energies and good management. He has had boundless capacity for work and he won success through the legitimate application of his excellent mental and physical forces, the while his life in all relations has been guided and governed by lofty principles of integrity and honor. His name merits an enduring place on the roll of the sterling citizens who have lived and labored to goodly ends in Morrow county.

William J. Langdon was reared to manhood on the homestead farm which he now owns and its discipline was most benignant, giving him an enduring appreciation of the dignity and value of honest toil and endeavor. The public schools of his native township afforded him his early educational advantages, and he continued to attend school at intervals until he was twenty years of age, his training having included a partial course in the high school in Mount Gilead. As a boy he began to assist in the work of the home farm and he has continued to be associated in its work and management. He has been the owner of ninety acres of the old homestead since 1910, and in thrift and enterprise, as well as in personal integrity, he has well upheld the prestige of the name which he bears. He gives his attention to diversified agriculture and the raising of excellent grades of live stock, and, as already stated, is one of the representative farmers of his native county, where his circle of friends coincides with that of his acquaintances.

Liberal and public-spirited as a citizen but never ambitious for political office, Mr. Langdon gives his support to all measures advanced for the general good of the community. He was originally a Democrat in his political proclivities but recently he transferred his allegiance to the Republican party, of whose cause he has since been a staunch supporter, in so far as national and state issues are involved, while in local affairs he votes for men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment. Both he and his wife are earnest and zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Boundary, and he has served as class-leader in the same. On the 26th of November, 1898, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Langdon to Miss Emma Fogle, who was born in Harmony

township, this county, on the 6th of February, 1880, and who is a daughter of William Fogle, a representative farmer of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Langdon have three children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here noted: Ralph, June 5, 1900; Bertha, June 13, 1902; and Nellie, May 19, 1904.

MAHALA D. GORDON.—Among the many families of Chester township whose individual histories are pleasantly interwoven are eminent the families of Gordon and Gardner, of the former Mrs. Mahala Gordon, a venerable and much honored lady being a widely known and admirable representative. Her husband, the late Sidney Gordon, was born near Fredericktown, Ohio, June 24, 1831. He was the son of William and Mary (Hedden) Gordon, the former of whom was a native of Manchester, England, and the latter of New York. Sidney's brothers and sisters were Nelson, Elmer, Emeline, Marvin, William, Melissa and Hannah.

Sidney Gordon's father ran away from home in England at the age of seven years, because of a whipping administered to him by his father, joining his uncle on a whaling expedition and remaining for some time upon the "bounding main." A number of years later he enlisted in the English army as a private, this step at first greatly incensing his father, who was a rich silk manufacturer and who desired to have him go into business. One day when his company was lined up for roll call, an officer rode up in front of the ranks and called out the name of William Gordon, summoning him to headquarters. He went in fear and trembling, anticipating trouble, but he was agreeably surprised to learn that he had been promoted to a lieutenancy, the rank having been purchased for him by his father. He was a good soldier, doing service for over seven years and being finally promoted to the rank of captain. The English government offered a large reward to the man who would kill their enemy, Napoleon Bonaparte, and upon one occasion upon the battlefield young Gordon was near "The Little Corsican" and had an excellent opportunity to do his country the great service. As he was raising his musket, Bonaparte saw him and gave him the sign of the Orangemen. This had the desired restraining effect as Gordon was of that order. Fearing the English government would learn of his failure of duty, he left the army after peace was declared and sailed for America, his mother previously packing a Bible among his effects, which is one of the chiefest treasures of the Gordon home at the present day and which bears upon the fly-leaf, "Published in Cambridge, England, 1760." William Gordon was a man of fiery temper and unbending will, but he was possessed of sterling principles. His experiences with the Catholics in the Irish insurrection made him ever after on his guard against them, and he sometimes referred to them as a foe which never slept. One feature of a remarkable life was the fact that he lived to amazing length of years, being one

hundred and nine years of age at the time he was summoned to the Great Beyond. He engaged in agriculture and resided during his life in America in New York, New Jersey and Ohio.

Sidney Gordon, a son of the foregoing, married Miss Mahala Gardner, who was born September 12, 1833. She was the daughter of John and Rachel (Mockabee) Gardner, natives of Ohio, and besides a sister, Martha, she had three brothers, Nelson, Charlie and Melville, who were soldiers in the Civil war, their service extending over nearly the entire period. Sidney Gordon, like his father, was a valient soldier, enlisting at the time of the war between the states as a member of Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His wife was left with six small ehildren bravely to face the problems of existence during his absence.

After the marriage of Sidney and Mahala they resided for ten years with the parents of the former. They then removed to Iowa, where they purchased three hundred and sixty acres of land, but they remained in the new state only about a year. They returned at the desire of Father and Mother Gordon, who wished to feel that they were near them in their old age, and the younger people cared for the older for thirty years, for they lived to an advanced age. William Gordon's wife was a venerable lady of wonderfully sweet and kind disposition and during the thirty years in which her children lived with her they never knew her to be angry.

Sidney and Mahala Gordon became the parents of seven children: Rosa, the eldest who died at the age of thirty-six years; Helen; John, Herbert, Charlie, Sidney and Mary. Helen married Robert Zolman and resides at Pulaskiville, their offspring being Walter, Eddie, Freeman, Lloyd, Maud and Grace. John, who makes his home near Chesterville, married Lucy Selover and their children are May, Maud, Ada and Harry, Herbert married Gustavia McLaughlin and their residence is in Butler, Ohio. Charlie married Elizabeth Ackerman and is the proprietor of a furniture store at Mansfield. They have one son, Fred. Sidney resides on the old home place. He married Lola Squires, who, dying, left one daughter, Bertha. He was married a second time, Maggie Hartman becoming his wife. Mary became the wife of L. B. Shurr, proprietor of Rogers Lake, a popular summer resort. The demise of the elder Mr. Gordon occurred on August 28, 1905, and his widow occupies their home in Chesterville, surrounded by hosts of friends. She and her family have ever been held in high esteem and are regarded as of the finest type of citizenship.

JOHN W. GARBERICH.—Holding a place of prominence among the more intelligent and progressive agriculturists of Morrow county stands John W. Garberich, who is known throughout this section of the Buckeye state as a successful horse breeder and

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trainer, a subject to which he has given much thought and attention and on which he is considered an authority. His fine farm is beautifully located in Washington township, about six miles southwest of Galion, and is well equipped and well kept, everything about the premises indicating the thrift, industry and keen judgment of the proprietor. He was born April 24, 1868, in Polk township, Crawford county, Ohio, a son of Isaac Garberich.

His grandfather, John Garberich, was born and reared in Germany. Immigrating to the United States, he lived for a while in Pennsylvania. In 1829 he came with his family to Ohio, locating in Crawford county when it was still in its virgin wildness, two small log cabins being the only buildings standing on the present site of the beautiful city of Galion. He had the distinction of being among the first white man to settle west of Galion, and it took him and his helpers two days to cut a way through the trackless woods to the homestead two miles distant, which he secured from the government. Taking up one hundred and sixty acres of dense woodland, he made an opening in which to erect a log cabin and began the improvement of a farm from the forest. He succeeded well, and about 1831 or 1832 he erected a brick house, which is still standing, manufacturing the bricks on his farm. Endowed with true German thrift, he succeeded in his agricultural labors, and was known as one of the best and most progressive farmers of his times. He married Elizabeth Ruhl, also a native of the Fatherland, and to them were born seven children, Isaac having been one of the younger members of the parental household.

As soon as old enough to wield an axe or hoe, Isaac Garberich began to assist his father in the pioneer task of hewing a farm from the wilderness, remaining at home until ready to establish a household of his own. He then bought land adjoining his father's estate, and was there engaged in general farming during his remaining days. To him and his good wife, whose maiden name was Susan Smith, nine children were born, namely: Martha, wife of Henry Hagerman, of Tiro, Ohio; Sarah, wife of Amos Dice, of Galion; Ella, wife of George Hesser, of Crestline; W. O., of Stillwater, Oklahoma; B. F., engaged in farming on the old homestead; Eva, wife of Cal McClure, of Crawford county; Bertha, wife of Frank Kieffer, of Crawford county; Minnie, wife of John Albright, of Pennsylvania; and John W., the subject of this brief personal record.

Brought up on the home farm, John W. Garberich in common with the boys of his neighborhood attended the district school throughout the days of his youth, in the meantime becoming familiar with the different branches of agriculture. Choosing the occupation of his ancestors, he saved his money and at the age of twenty-five years bought a farm in Whetstone township, Crawford county, where he carried on general farming and stock-raising with excellent pecuniary results until the spring of 1907. Dispos-

ing then of that property, Mr. Garberich purchased two hundred and twelve and one-half acres of land in Washington township, Morrow county, six miles southwest of Galion, where he has since resided. His improvements and appointments are among the best in the vicinity, his stables and barns being models of convenience and comfort, and his buildings especially adapted to his needs as a stock raiser and farmer. Mr. Garberich is a lover of animals, and in the breeding and raising of horses has had excellent success. He has in his stables some of the finest Percheron and Belgium horses to be found in the country, and is justly proud of his stud. He also breeds cattle and hogs, keeping the Jersey-Duroc hogs and Hereford cattle.

Mr. Garberich has been twice married. He married first Elizabeth Kieffer, a bright and charming woman who at her death in 1899 left five children, namely: Walter, Irving, Mildred, Clyde and Frankie, all of whom are at home. Mr. Garberich married second Laura B. Shoemaker, and to them one child, Robert, has been born. Politically Mr. Garberich is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for public honors. Socially he belongs to the Galion Grange. Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Garberich are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Iberia.

JOHN B. CULP.—Numbered among the valued and highly esteemed residents of Morrow county is John B. Culp, a well-to-do agriculturist of Westfield township. He was born June 7, 1838, in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, a son of Andrew Culp.

Andrew Culp, a native of Pennsylvania, was born in Cumberland county in 1809, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He carried on general farming in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, until about 1859, when he came with his family to Ohio, where he spent his remaining years, passing away February 10, 1890. He married Leah Beam, who was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1812, and died in Ohio in February, 1867. Eight children were born of their union, as follows: Catherine S., who married Michael Hoke; Fannie became the wife of John Phillips; Maria married Jacob Smith; Sarah became the wife of Edward Robinson; John B., the special subject of this brief personal review; Samuel, a soldier in the Civil war, died at Washington, D. C.; Simon and George.

Growing to manhood on the home farm, John B. Culp obtained his education in the district schools, attending the winter terms only, his help being needed at home during seed time and harvest. At the age of twenty years he came with the family to Ohio, locating in Marion county. In the fall of 1864 he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the Twenty-third Army Corps, commanded by General William Tecumseh Sherman. With his regiment he took part in numerous engagements, including the battles at Over-

alls Creek and Murfreesboro and the one at Wise's Cross Road. At Murfreesboro, Mr. Culp was wounded in the left foot, the bullet which penetrated it being still in his possession. He now receives a pension of fifteen dollars a month. Receiving his honorable discharge from service at the close of the war, Mr. Culp returned to Marion county, where he lived until 1866. He subsequently spent a short time in Waldo, Mississippi, where he was an engineer and a blacksmith. On coming to Morrow county, soon after his marriage, he settled in Westfield township, where he has since been prosperously engaged in tilling the soil, his well-kept farm of fifty acres lying five miles northwest of Ashley.

Mr. Culp has been twice married. He married Catherine Strine, who died in September, 1865, leaving no children. Mr. Culp married for his second wife, November 6, 1866, Mrs. Margaret (Strine) Waddle, a sister of his first wife and the widow of Isaac Waddle, who at his death left her with three children, namely: John S. Waddle, born July 5, 1854; James G., born September 9, 1856; and Benjamin L., born September 11, 1858.

Mrs. Culp's father, John Strine, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1805, and died in Marion county, Ohio, June 7, 1888. He married Mary Monosmith, who was born in the same county, in 1807, and died in Marion county, Ohio, June 9, 1886. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Catherine, the first wife of Mr. Culp; Margaret, now Mrs. Culp, who was born in Marion county, Ohio, April 5, 1834; Elizabeth; Nancy J.; Mary M.; Jacob; John M.; James; Peter; Martin and Henderson, Jacob, Peter and John M. all served as soldiers in the Civil war, Peter losing his life in the battle at Kenesaw Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Culp have no children. Politically Mr. Culp supports the principles of the Democratic party, and has filled various local offices to the satisfaction of the people, including those of township trustee and assessor. He is well known throughout this section of the county, and both he and his estimable wife are held in high regard.

RANDALL L. BEARD.—An industrious, enterprising farmer of Morrow county, Randall L. Beard is an excellent representative of the agricultural community of Bennington township, in the prosecution of his independent calling having met with signal success, at the same time winning the respect and esteem of his neighbors and friends. He is a native of this section of Ohio, his birth having occurred in Morrow county, December 20, 1851. His father, Reuben Beard, born June 2, 1805, married Eliza Loveland, whose birth occurred October 19, 1810. The parents lived on a farm in this vicinity, and here brought up their family of six children, two of whom, in 1911, are still living, namely: Randall L., of this sketch, and Lucinda, wife of Abram Harran, of Columbus, Ohio.

Brought up in Bennington township, Randall L. Beard profited



"THE MAPLE GROVE FARM," RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. R. L. BEARD

by the facilities afforded him in his youthful days to obtain an education, attending the winter terms of the district schools until sixteen years old, when he began doing a man's work on the home farm. Finding the occupation a most congenial one, he has continued an agriculturist until the present day. Prosperity has smiled upon his efforts, his home estate containing one hundred and seventy acres of as fine farming land as can be found in the locality, and this under his intelligent management has been highly cultivated and improved. Mr. Beard formerly owned two hundred and seventy acres of land, but when his children married he assisted them in establishing homes of their own by giving them either money or its equivalent in land.

On February 16, 1870, Mr. Beard married Sarah M. Frost, who was born in Bennington township, April 24, 1852, and was reared on the farm of her parents, Alfred and Sarah J. (Price) Frost. Mr. and Mrs. Beard have three children living, namely: Manley, born November 26, 1870, married Ida Corwin, and resides in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county; Alice, born June 6, 1879, is the wife of B. J. Knouff, of Centerburg, Ohio; and Anzy, born June 13, 1889, married Bertha Dunham, and lives in Bennington township.

Mr. and Mrs. Beard occupy an assured position in the community in which they reside, and are consistent members of the Christian church of Sparta. In his political relations Mr. Beard is identified with the Republican party. He has served three years as assessor of the township, and was appointed township trustee. Fraternally he is a member of Marengo Lodge, No. 216, Knights of Pythias.

WARREN SWETLAND.—Many people gain wealth in this world, many gain distinction in the learned professions, and many are honored with public offices of trust and responsibility, but to few is it given to attain so high a place in the esteem and affection of their fellow citizens as that enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Swetland, who are known throughout Morrow county as Uncle Warren and Aunt Margaret. Their spacious and comfortable residence in South Bloomfield township is widely renowned for its generous hospitality and is often referred to as the "Orphans Home," hospice having frequently been given to those unfortunates, who at an early age, have been bereft of their parents. Farming and sheep-growing have ever been Mr. Swetland's chief occupation and he is prominent throughout the state as an authority on wool.

A native son of the fine old Buckeye state, Warren Swetland was born in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, on the 24th of April, 1834, and he is a son of Giles and Sarah (Lewis) Swetland, the former of whom died in 1881 and the latter of whom was summoned to life eternal in 1864. Of the six children born to Giles and Sarah (Lewis) Swetland, five are living in 1911, namely:

Byram, aged eighty-six; Joseph C., aged Eighty-two years, is mentioned on other pages of this work; Emily is eighty years, of age; Warren, aged seventy-six, is the immediate subject of this review; and William, who is represented elsewhere. Lambert died at the age of twenty-two. The Swetland families living in Morrow county are the edscendants of Artemas and Lydia (Abbott) Swetland, who immigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1810, location having been made in Delaware county, whence removal was made to South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, in 1818. Artemas Swetland engaged in farming and resided in South Blomfield township until his death. He was survived by a family of four sons and one daughter: Augustus W., Giles (father of Warren), Fuller, Seth and Marilla. Concerning some of the early adventures of the Swetland family the following extract is here incorporated from an article which appeared in a history of Morrow county, under date of 1880.

“Artemas Swetland, the grandfather of Warren, when a boy was in the fort at the Wyoming massaere and escaped death only by remaining with his father, Luke, who was on picket duty inside. Warren’s great-grandfather, Abbott, was murdered shortly after this by the savages. When the Indian scare was over the settlers began to return to their farms. One day, while at work in the field with another pioneer, Mr. Abbott saw the Indians coming and started to run, but was shot, crippled, overtaken by them, and dispatched with a tomahawk. Artemas Swetland was in the war of 1812, enlisting while in Delaware county, Ohio. He was one of the first settlers in South Bloomfield township, and his sons, Augustus, Giles and Seth, vividly remember the hardships through which they passed in their new home in the wilderness.

Luke Swetland, the great-grandfather of Warren Swetland, was known during his life time as the Seneca captive. While returning home from a mill in the Wyoming Valley, in Pennsylvania, he was taken prisoner by the Seneca Indians and earried off to Seneca Lake, in New York, where he was detained for one year and two days before he managed to make his escape. He was taken into camp and adopted by an aged squaw as her son. Not exactly pleased with that state of affairs he was constantly on the alert for a chance to make his escape and finally he met with a detachment of Continental soldiers, commanded by Captain Robert Dunkle and Samuel Ransom, in 1777. This force of soldiers gave him the sueeor required and subsequently he was conveyed to New Jersey, where he joined Washington’s army and saw active service in the war of the Revolution. He was at Valley Forge during the strenuous winter of 1777-8 and saw a great deal of service before the elose of the war. Relief was sent to Wyoming at the time of the massaere, in 1878, but the soldiers arrived too late to be of any assistance.

As a youth Warren Swetland availed himself of the advantages afforded in the district schools of South Bloomfield township and

thereafter he engaged in agricultural operations. He has resided on his present fine estate of one hundred and eighty-six acres in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, since 1857 and is still giving the work of the place an active supervision. In connection with diversified agriculture he has devoted considerable time to sheep-growing, being known the county over for his success in the breeding of Delaine sheep. On different occasions he has been requested to send samples of his wool to the state wool commission, and he has in his own possession samples from every prominent wool-grower in the world. During his extensive travels he has visited important sheep ranches throughout the universe and each place has contributed some new idea to his vast fund of knowledge in regard to sheep-raising. Mr. Swetland, besides the raising of a fine grade of sheep, has sheared sheep each year himself for sixty-six years without the loss of a single year. Possibly there is not another man in the Middle West who has such a record.

On the 1st of February, 1857, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Swetland to Miss Margaret A. Thomas, who was born in Chester township, Morrow county, on the 31st of July, 1836, and who is a daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann (Davis) Thomas. The mother was a daughter of David and Margaret Davis and she was born in the little country of Wales on the 6th of December, 1813. She was called to her reward on the 8th of January, 1902, and an interesting fact about her personality is that just prior to her death she wrote her own obituary. She was one of the pioneer teachers in this section of the state, walking one mile and a half to the scene of her labors and receiving in return for her services the meager salary of one and a half dollars per week. David and Margaret Davis, grandparents of Mrs. Swetland, came to America from Wales and landed at Baltimore, Maryland, in 1820. Mary Ann Thomas was born December 6, 1813, and died January 8, 1892. She, with her parents, David and Margaret Davis, and one brother came to America in 1820, landing at Baltimore, Maryland, where they resided for six years. Then they started for Ohio, coming via Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Davis died in 1827. After his death the grandmother married Henry George, in 1833, and they resided on a farm in Chester township during the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were devout members of the Baptist church, in whose faith Mrs. Swetland was reared, but she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1858. Mr. Swetland joined the Methodist Episcopal church in 1855, and he and his wife are very prominent factors in all activities of a religious nature, he having been class leader and a steward in the Sparta church of that denomination for the past fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. Swetland have no children of their own but they raised and educated an orphan girl, named Arrilla Lewis, who is an own cousin of Mr. Swetland and who became the wife of Daniel Potts in 1869. She now resides near Sparta, Ohio.

In politics Mr. Swetland was originally a Democrat but he now accords an uncompromising allegiance to the Prohibition party, and while he has never been moved with a desire for political preferment of any description he is ever on the alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all projects advanced for the good of the community and county at large. Mr. and Mrs. Swetland have traveled extensively in various parts of the world and they can relate many interesting incidents in connection therewith. They are both very kind hearted and hospitable, contributing generously of their time and means to all worthy philanthropical movements, and no one who solicits their help is sent away unaided. Their place of abode is known as the "Orphans Home" and they are everywhere known as Uncle Warren and Aunt Margaret. Their broad human sympathy penetrates every nook and corner and nothing but goodness radiates from their hearts. It may truly be said concerning them that the circle of their friends is coincident with that of their acquaintances.

JAMES R. PORTER.—Living on his pleasant homestead in Westfield township, James R. Porter is numbered among the successful and enterprising agriculturists of Morrow county, where for many years he has been actively engaged in the cultivation of the soil. A native of Ohio, he was born June 9, 1849, in Delaware county, and there brought up and educated.

His father, James Porter, was born in Pennsylvania, and while young came with his parents to Ohio, locating in Delaware county in pioneer days and there spending the remainder of his life, during his active career being engaged in general farming. He married Eliza Kane, who was also born in Pennsylvania, and when a child was brought by her parents to Delaware county, Ohio. She died on the home farm in Delaware county, and her body was laid to rest beside that of her husband in the Marlboro church yard. Of the five children born of their union, three are living, as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Lester Olds, of Kansas; Henry W., of Arkansas, and James R.

James R. Porter became familiar with the three "rs" in the district school. Left fatherless at the age of thirteen years, he assumed a large part of the responsibility of the care of the family, and until his own marriage had charge of the home farm. Coming to Morrow county, he located in Westfield township, where he now has a well-improved and highly productive farm of sixty-five acres, which he is managing most successfully, each year gathering abundant harvests. He is a general farmer, but pays considerable attention to the raising of stock, which he finds a profitable industry. He is a Democrat in politics and a strong advocate of all measures calculated to advance the interests of the community.

Mr. Porter married, in 1869, Sarah Claypool, who has passed to the life beyond, her death occurring on the home farm October

24, 1907. Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Porter, namely: Laura, wife of William Blake, of Delaware county, Ohio; Hattie, wife of Frank Mayfield; Bertha, living at home; Addie, who after graduation from the Ashley High School taught school for a time, is the wife of Ralph Riley; and Minnie, who was graduated from the Ashley High School and afterwards took a commercial course at Valparaiso, Indiana, is now a bookkeeper in Cleveland, Ohio.

LEWIS MILLER.—The German is rightly regarded as one of America's most valuable sources of immigration, the typical citizen of German birth and parentage bringing to the nation those characteristics necessary to the best civilization. To this class belongs Lewis Miller, a progressive agriculturist and good citizen of Troy township, whose birth occurred in Prussia, Germany, January 10, 1838, his parents being William and Margaret (Baker) Miller. Mr. Miller, now a gentleman of venerable years, was but ten years of age when the family made their migration to the new country, of whose opportunity they hoped much, the year of the event being 1848. They found their way to Ohio and located near West Point, Morrow county, where the head of the house secured land and engaged in farming. Mr. Miller received the rudiments of his education in the excellent schools of the Fatherland and he never found an opportunity to attend school after coming to the United States, what additional education he obtained being gained incidentally. Life in a new land, with strange customs and another language, was indeed strenuous and earning a livelihood was the first consideration.

Mr. Miller remained beneath the home roof until he became twenty-two years of age. About the year 1861 he secured work on a farm and received for his services thirteen dollars a month, a large part of which modest wage he was able to save. Afterward he hired his services to George Lefever and worked for him two years and then for a time worked for other parties by the month. By the exercise of the utmost diligence and thrift he saved eight hundred dollars and with this purchased forty acres of very desirable land, for which he paid one thousand dollars and which he eventually sold for one thousand, five hundred dollars. He has become one of the successful farmers of the locality, owning one hundred and sixty-three and one-half acres at the present time and having sold forty acres to each of his sons.

On March 23, 1865, Mr. Miller laid the foundation of a happy home life by his marriage to Margaret A. Longstreth, who was born in Brush Creek township, Muskingum county, Ohio, October 11, 1844, this worthy lady, like her husband, being a descendant of sturdy German stock. She was reared in Muskingum county until the age of eighteen years and then came to Canaan township to care for her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patten, in their declining

years. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have reared a large family of children, eleven sons and daughters having been born to them, and seven are surviving at the present day. Carrie B. is the wife of Mima Bigler; Ida E., is the wife of Jacob Warriek; Sarah S., is the wife of William Hershner; Miss Martha J. is at home; Charles L. married Nora M. Carpenter; Frank L. is single and at home; and Amanda M. is the wife of Elmer Sipes. All the children have secured the good common school education afforded by the county. The deceased children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller are Thomas L., Rosanna, who became the wife of Harvey Hershner and died February 5, 1893; Mary A., who died March 2, 1893, and George, who died July 21, 1904.

The Miller family attends the Methodist Episcopal church at Steam Corners and are valuable in its work. The head of the house gives allegiance to the Democratic party and is public-spirited and a supporter of all good causes. The family is widely and favorably known in the county in which their interests have so long been centered.

JOHN MCCAUSLAND.—John McCausland, who for fourteen years has been the genial and efficient post master of Chesterville and who is also the proprietor of a well-managed hardware store, has been in business here longer than any other man in the place. In other days, previous to becoming identified with the grocery business, he was a photographer. This much respected citizen is a veteran of the Civil war, having given his services almost throughout the entire course of that conflict.

Mr. McCausland was born in Congress township, Richland now Morrow county, on the 12th day of July, 1838, the son of David and Mary (McClaren) McCausland, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. When young people they answered the beckon of opportunity from the shores of the New World, the year in which they took up their residence in America being 1833. They eventually found their way to Ohio and five years after their arrival upon our shores the birth of the subject occurred. They became the parents of eight children, four of whom died in infancy and the four surviving being James, John, Elizabeth and Margaret. These boys and girls attended the district school in Congress township called Miracle School.

Mr. McCausland assumed the responsibilities of a married man on the 14th day of June, 1864, when occurred his union with Henrietta Smith, daughter of John A. and Mary M. (Baker) Smith, natives of the state of Maryland. Mrs. McCausland was one of a family of nine children, whose names were Susanna, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Henrietta, Mary, John, Peter, Horace E. and Alice. After their marriage Mr. McCausland and his bride located in Chesterville, where the former opened a daguerrotype business and after conducting this for two years he accepted a position as a clerk

in a grocery, and subsequently, when he had obtained a thorough knowledge of the business, he established a grocery business of his own, and in the same enjoyed wide patronage. For the past fourteen years Mr. McCausland has faithfully discharged the duties of the office of post master of Chesterville, his daughter Izola successfully acting as his assistant.

Mr. and Mrs. McCausland became the parents of the following eight sons and daughters: Frank, Britomart, Izola, Gladys, Arthur, Edith, Wastella and Catherine. The two sons reside in Oregon, where they have a homestead of three hundred and twenty acres. Britomart became the wife of Frank Sheively of Chesterville. Gladys married A. C. Seffner, of Marion, Ohio. Catherine is a trained nurse in Marion and Edith is employed in a department store in Canton, Ohio. Wastella and Izola reside at home with their father and are his devoted companions, the latter, as previously mentioned, being his assistant in the post office. The demise of the wife and mother occurred April 2, 1907, her mortal remains being interred in Maple Grove cemetery in Chesterville. This kind and sympathetic lady is lovingly remembered by hosts of friends.

Mr. McCausland and his daughters are honored members of the Presbyterian church, in which the father has held the office of ruling elder for twenty-five years. In his long-time business relations with the people of Chesterville he has proved himself well worthy of the confidence and respect in which he is held, his honesty and uprightness being unquestioned.

It is appropriate to add something of the military career of Mr. McCausland. When the Civil war became a terrible reality and the call for three year men was sent forth he was the first man in his township to enlist, becoming a member of Company E, Twenty-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His service extended over a period of two years and he was wounded in a skirmish at Horse Shoe Bend at New River, West Virginia. Among the engagements in which he participated were those of Scarey Creek, Gauley Bridge, Sewall Mountain and many others. As to political conviction he was reared a Democrat, but came out of the Civil war a Republican and has given his allegiance to the men and measures of the "Grand Old Party" in the ensuing fifty years.

SAMUEL E. JAMES.—An effective exponent of the agricultural industry in his native county and a citizen to whom is accorded that popular approbation which is the accurate meteward of character, Mr James merits consideration in this work as one of the progressive farmers and stock-growers of Gilead township, where he is the owner of a well improved farm of eighty-one acres eligibly located two and one-half miles northwest of Mount Gilead, the metropolis and judicial center of the county.

Samuel E. James was born in Franklin township, this county,

on the 20th of June, 1864, and is a son of Samuel and Ellen (Crothers) James, both of whom were likewise born in Ohio, where the respective families were founded in the pioneer days. Samuel James was a son of Henry James, who emigrated from Wales to America when a young man and who passed the closing years of his life in Morrow county, Ohio, where he was long identified with agricultural pursuits. The mother of the subject of this review was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, and was a daughter of James Crothers, who was born in Ireland and who became a prosperous farmer in Ohio. Samuel James was born on his father's farm in Franklin township, Morrow county, and here he was reared and educated under the conditions and influences of the pioneer epoch in the history of the old Buckeye commonwealth. He was a man of strong character and marked energy and he eventually became one of the successful farmers and influential citizens of Franklin township, where he continues to reside at the present time. His wife was summoned to the life eternal at the age of sixty-three years, and their six children, four sons and two daughters, are living. The father is a stanch Democrat in his political adherency.

Samuel E. James, whose name initiates this review, gained his early experience in connection with the work of the homestead farm and he duly availed himself of the advantages of the district schools, which he continued to attend at varying intervals until he had attained to his legal majority. He continued to be associated with the work and management of the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, when he showed his youthful independence and ambition by securing work by the month on a neighboring farm. He continued to be thus engaged, as a valued and trusted employe, for a period of about twenty-seven years, and in the meanwhile he carefully saved his earnings, with the definite purpose of eventually engaging in agricultural pursuits upon his own responsibility. In 1899 he purchased a farm of seventy-one acres in Harmony township, and there he continued his well directed labors until 1908, when he sold the property and bought his present attractive homestead of eighty-one acres in Gilead township. He took up his residence on this place in the spring of 1909, and his energy and progressive ideas are shown in the unmistakable thrift and prosperity in evidence in all departments of his farming enterprise, which includes diversified agriculture and the raising of excellent grades of live stock. Mr. James is a stalwart in the camp of the Republican party and he holds membership in the First Baptist church of Mount Gilead. Mr. James is a bachelor and remains, so far as can be discerned, "heart-whole and fancy free."

ARTHUR BECK.—A enterprising and energetic citizen of the younger generation in Congress township, Morrow county, Ohio, is Arthur Beck, who is one of the popular and successful teachers

in the public schools at Guiding Star. Mr. Beck was born in Congress township on the 11th of May, 1890, and he is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Williams Beck). The father was likewise born in this township, the date of his birth being June 13, 1849. He was the youngest in order of birth in the family of seven children reared by Frederick and Katherine (Smith) Beck and in his youth he availed himself of the opportunities afforded in the district schools of this county. In 1871 was solemnized his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Williams, whose birth occurred on the 20th of October, 1847. She is a daughter of John and Juliana (Carr) Williams who were for a long time representative farmers in Morrow county. In 1886 Jacob Beck moved to Galion, where for a period of twenty-two years he was actively engaged in the lumber business, moving at intervals to the country with his saw mill outfit. In 1890 he purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres in Congress township and later he bought an additional tract of twenty acres from his brother, Frederick Beck. In 1901 he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres from Clinton S. Rhodewick and Ebenezer Wood and in 1908 he purchased a strip of nine acres of land from C. M. Bowers. In all he now owns farming land to the extent of three hundred and five acres, all of which is in a high state of cultivation, yielding him a fine profit. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Beck were born seven children, concerning whom the following brief data are here recorded: Julia is the wife of Van Horn Davis and they reside at Galion, Ohio; Estella married Melville Myers, of Moline, Illinois; Catherine is now Mrs. Claude Hetrick, of Congress township; Frank is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Congress township, as are also Clyde and Charles; and Arthur is the immediate subject of this review. In politics Mr. Beck is a stalwart in the ranks of the Democratic party and as a citizen he is prominent and influential in all matters tending to advance the general welfare of the community. He and his wife are devout members of the German Reformed church and they hold a high place in the confidence and regard of all with whom they have come in contact.

Arthur Beck was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm in Congress township, in the work of which he assisted his father during his vacations. After completing the curriculum of the district schools he attended the Guiding Star High School for a time, after which he became a student in the high school at Mount Gilead, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1908. When eighteen years of age he successfully passed the teachers' examination in Morrow county and was immediately granted a certificate for teaching. He initiated his work as a pedagogue in a school in Franklin township and in 1909 he procured a position as a teacher in a school at Guiding Star, where he has since been engaged in teaching. Although very young, his alert mentality and broad information make him particularly eligible for

pedagogic honors and whether he continues life as a teacher or later diverts his attention to other channels his well directed energies will make of success not an accident but a logical result. In December, 1909, he was admitted to membership in the Pleasant Grove Disciple church, in the Sunday school department of which he was elected superintendent in 1910. Mr. Beck takes pride in the latter honor, as he has the distinction of being superintendent one of the largest Sunday schools in Morrow county. In politics he accords a stanch allegiance to the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor and in a fraternal way he is affiliated with various organizations of representative character.

WILLIAM FARIS BLAYNEY is actively identified with farming and stock-raising in Washington township, Morrow county, Ohio. He is interested in community affairs and his well directed efforts have been a potent element in the progress and development of this section of the fine old Buckeye state of the Union. He has with ready recognition of opportunity directed his labors into various fields wherein he has achieved success and he is recognized as one of the loyal and public-spirited citizens of this county. He was born in Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio, on what was long known as the Jonathan Maxter's farm, the date of his nativity being August 29, 1852. He is a scion of the Scotch-Irish nobility and is a son of Charles and Mary Jane (Blayney) Blayney, both of whom are now deceased. The ancestry of the Blayney family is traced back to Lord Thomas Blayney, who was born and reared in Ireland. John Blayney, son of Lord Thomas Blayney, became the father of four sons, namely: John, George, Edward and Charles, the youngest of whom, Charles, was the grandfather of him whose name initiates this review. John Blayney, great-grandfather of William F. of this sketch, immigrated to the United States about the year 1870, and he located in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he resided for a number of years and where he was identified with agricultural pursuits. Charles Blayney, Jr., wedded Mary Jane Blayney, and they became the parents of the following children: Fulton I., Clement, George E., Mary Elizabeth, Evaline I., and William F. Mary became the wife of M. M. Iden and they reside at Caledonia, Ohio; an Evaline I. married J. L. McAnall, of Morrow county.

William F. Blayney was reared to the invigorating discipline of the home farm and he early became associated with his father in the work and management thereof. As a boy he attended the district schools of his native township and when he had attained to years of discretion he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he is engaged at the present time on his farm, eligibly located four miles north of Edison. In addition to diversified farming he raises a large amount of good stock. He is a stanch

supporter of the cause of the Democratic party in his political proclivities and in religious matters is a devout member of the Presbyterian church. He is a stockholder and director in the Peoples' Savings Bank at Mount Gilead and has other financial interests of importance.

On September 7, 1875, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Blayney to Miss Georgiana M. Newson, a daughter of A. B. Newson, of this county. She was born and reared in Gilead township and the date of her birth is November 19, 1857. To this union has been born one daughter, Jesse Belle. The daughter was afforded a good common school education and she remains at the parental home. The farm of Mr. and Mrs. Blayney is known as "Maple Springs" and will be known as such in Morrow county.

WILLIAM C. BRENIZER.—Occupying a conspicuous position among the foremost agriculturists and business men of Westfield township is William C. Brenizer, who has long been an important factor in promoting and advancing the prosperity of the community in which his entire life has been passed, and in which he is held in high repute as a man and a citizen, his straightforward course in life winning him friends everywhere. A son of William G. Brenizer, he was born in the house which he now owns and occupies September 10, 1866. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Brenizer, was born July 1, 1793, in Pennsylvania. In early life he moved to Maryland, but after living there a few years he came with his family to Ohio, locating in Westfield township, Morrow county, in 1829. Purchasing a tract of timbered land, he labored with unceasing toil to improve a homestead, performing no inconsiderable part in helping to develop the resources of this part of the state. He married, December 6, 1821, Margaret Griffith, who was born in Pennsylvania March 4, 1803, and like him was of German descent. They reared a family of eleven children, as follows: John C., born November 21, 1822; Adam, born June 8, 1825; William G., born February 26, 1827, father of William C.; Maria J., born August 11, 1829; Benjamin G., born July 22, 1832; Margaret A., born April 19, 1835; Henry H., born August 29, 1837; Mary C., born January 9, 1840; Cicero H., born June 25, 1842; Martha L., born March 5, 1845; and Francis M., born March 22, 1850.

Born in Maryland, February 26, 1827, William G. Brenizer was scarce two years old when brought to Morrow county by his parents. He grew to manhood on the homestead, but had no school advantages. Developing his mechanical tastes by learning the trades of a carpenter and cabinet maker, he became an expert workman and acquired a goodly share of this world's wealth, in the later years of his life being prosperously engaged in agricultural pursuits on his large and well-managed farm. He died, an honored and respected man, December 21, 1910. He was active in political circles, holding various township offices, and was serving, with Wil-

liam Brooks and Carper Swetland, as county commissioner when the county jail was erected. He married, February 17, 1853, Beulah Dr. N. O., who was graduated from the Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio, and from the Cleveland Medical School, is a practicing physician in Austin, Texas; Jesse T. died in infancy; and William C.

Brought up on the home farm, William C. Brenizer laid a substantial foundation for his future education in the district schools and the Cardington High School, and afterwards entered the Otterbein University. Forced to leave on account of ill health, he decided to try life in the open, and returned to the old home farm, on which he has since resided. As an agriculturist Mr. Brenizer has met with eminent success, his farm of two hundred and ten acres being now in an admirable state of culture and one of the most valuable and attractive estates in Morrow county. Owing to his sound judgment and persistent energy, he has accumulated considerable property, owning in addition to his home estate a business block in Cardington.

Mr. Brenizer married, September 28, 1887, D. Ella Shaw, the ceremony which united them for life being performed by Rev. A. Orr, presiding elder of the United Brethren church. She was born in Westfield township, Morrow county, February 16, 1865, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary A. (Barry) Shaw. Six children have made their advent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brenizer, namely: Iva M., who died in infancy; Laura B., born June 5, 1890, was graduated from the Cardington High School and is now a teacher in the public schools; Myra B., born June 25, 1892, was graduated from the Cardington High School, and is now a student in the Otterbein University; Anna G., born June 25, 1900; Ella M., born September 29, 1901; and Wilma E., born February 6, 1908. In his political affiliations Mr. Brenizer is a Republican, and has served most satisfactorily to all concerned as justice of the peace for Westfield township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brenizer are faithful members of the Fairview United Brethren church, of which he is a trustee and the treasurer.

HIRAM BARBER.—It is the object of this volume to preserve an authentic record, as far as possible, of the lives and deeds of those who have assisted in the upbuilding of the varied interests of Morrow county. The rank that a city or county holds very largely depends upon the achievements of its citizens. Some add to its reputation by official service, some by professional skill, some by increasing its manufacturing or commercial interests and some by cultivating and improving its lands. To give a faithful account of the lives of the old settlers and representative citizens of a community is to write its history in its truest sense. Mr. Barber is one of the venerable residents of Morrow county and for many years has been actively associated with its farming interests.



"SUNNY-SIDE" STOCK FARM, RESIDENCE OF MR. AND MRS. HIRAM BARBER

Hiram Barber is a native son of Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, and the date of his nativity is December 9, 1853. Mr. Barber on the paternal side traces his lineage to the French, and the original spelling was "Barbour." On the maternal side he traces his lineage to the Spanish. He is a son of James L. and Elizabeth (Benedict) Barber, both of whom were born and reared in the state of New York, where was solemnized their marriage and whence they came to Morrow county, Ohio, at an early day, location being made on the farm on which the subject of this review now maintains his home. James L. Barber received his educational training in the public schools of the old Empire state and he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the major portion of his active business career. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, and of the number four are living in 1911. The father was summoned to the life eternal in November, 1861, and the mother passed to the great beyond on the 14th of May, 1899.

After completing the curriculum of the public schools of Westfield township, Hiram Barber, at the age of fifteen years, became actively identified with the work and management of the home farm. His parents died when he was a mere youth and he was thus forced at an early age to assume the responsibilities and cares of life. He and his brother Melvin, ran the home farm until Hiram had attained to his legal majority, at which time he was married. Thereafter removal was made to the present fine estate of one hundred and forty-four acres, sixty-two of which belong to Mrs. Barber. The farm is eligibly located seven miles distant from Cardington and everything about the place indicates thrift and a high degree of prosperity. Mr. Barber is engaged in diversified agriculture and the raising of high grade stock and he is conceded to be one of the most successful and influential farmers in the township, where he is held in high regard by his fellow citizens.

On the 30th of January, 1874, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Barber to Miss Mary E. Foust, who was born in Westfield township on the 16th of October, 1854, and who is a daughter of Wilson Foust. Mr. and Mrs. Barber have six children, concerning whom the following brief data are here recorded, Della is the wife of Clay Curren, of Westfield; Luetta, who is now Mrs. L. L. Sharp, was educated in the schools of Westfield and she was a teacher prior to her marriage; Bruce B., who was graduated in the Ashley High School and in the Starling Ohio Medical College, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1911, is now engaged in the active practice of his profession at Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Barber is both a Mason and a Knight of Pythias, and is a member of the college fraternity Alpha Kappa. Myron H., married Ada McLead and they reside in Trumbull County, Ohio; James W., after completing the prescribed course in the Ashley High School, attended the Columbus Business College, at Columbus, Ohio, and he is now a popular and successful teacher at Westfield; and Carrie,

who was likewise graduated in the Ashley High School, is also engaged in the pedagogic profession at Westfield. Another child, Miss Mayme Nell Barber, was born September 23, 1885, and died at the place of her birth, Westfield, Ohio, August 22, 1908, aged twenty-two years, ten months and twenty-nine days. Her illness was of short duration, dating back only three weeks previous to her death, when she was taken sick with typhoid fever. Mayme was of unusually kind and affectionate disposition, self-sacrificing in her nature, especially in the home circle, where she will be sadly missed. She graduated with honors from the Ashley High School in the class of 1904. She was a consistent Christian young lady and had many virtues of mind and heart that endeared her to all that knew her. She was converted in the Westfield Methodist Episcopal church during the winter of 1903, under the pastorate of the Rev. Gray, and was an acceptable member of the church. In June, 1905, she was elected president of the Ladies Aid Society and fulfilled her duties in that capacity in a very acceptable manner. Although young in years she seemed to have the judgment of more mature years and was interested in everything that pertained to the church.

The funeral occurred on Tuesday, August 25th, at 2:00 o'clock, and was very largely attended by a host of relatives and friends. Accompanied by the strains from the organ played by Miss Ruth Olds, six young ladies of the class of '04, preceded the casket into the church, carrying flowers. After the reading of the scripture lesson and prayer, the choir sang a selection, after which the obituary was read. Then Mrs. Elizabeth Wilt Wornstaff, of Ashley sang very sweetly, "I heard the voice of Jesus say." After the sermon the services closed by the choir singing "Jesus Lover of my soul." The services were beautiful and impressive and were conducted by Rev. Gray, of Caledonia, with burial at Marlboro. The Pythian Sisters, of which she was a member, attended in a body and had charge of the services at the cemetery. She leaves a father and mother, three brothers and three sisters to mourn.

In his political convictions Mr. Barber is a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Republican party, and while he has never had a great deal of time or ambition for political preferment he has given most efficient service as township assessor and as a member of the local school board. In a fraternal way he is a member of Ashley Lodge, No. 457; Knights of Pythias, and his wife is a member of Good Hope Temple of the Rathbone Sisters, No. 266. Mrs. Barber is a valued and appreciative member of the Order of the Eastern Star, No. 147. Mr. Barber is an intelligent, broad minded man, of courteous demeanor, and thus far his career has been one of great activity and signal usefulness. He bears an unsullied reputation in business and social circles and his honesty and integrity have gained him the unqualified regard of all with whom he has come in contact. Entirely free from ostentation, he is kindly and

genial in his relations with others and has the friendship and good will of his fellow citizens, who esteem and honor him for his manly character and genuine personal worth. The homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Barber is known as "Sunny Side."

WILSON FOUST.—Persistency and energy, as coupled with integrity of purpose, are the factors which conserve success and make it consistent. To the larger and surer vision there is no such thing as luck. Through his own well applied endeavors Wilson Foust has made the most of opportunity and he himself built the ladder by which he has risen to affluence. Although now ninety years of age, he still retains in much of their former vigor the splendid physical and mental qualities of his youth. Mr. Foust, in his active life, was a carpenter and cabinet maker by trade, and at one time he owned as much as seven hundred acres of fine land in Morrow county, Ohio.

Wilson Foust was born in Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, the date of his nativity being the 7th of April, 1821. He is a son of Abram and Elmira (Munson) Foust, the former of whom was born in Ohio, on the 6th of April, 1796. The mother was twice married, Mr. Foust being her second husband. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Foust resided for a time in Delaware county, Ohio, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and they became the parents of four children, namely: Almira, Esther, Harriett and Wilson. Wilson Foust was reared to maturity on the old home farm and he received his educational training in the public schools of his native place, attending the old log subscription school until he had attained to the age of about fourteen years. He then began to work at the salary of ten dollars a month and eventually learned the carpenter's trade. He also learned the trade of cabinet maker and in due time entered into a partnership with Adam Wolf, they being interested in the making of fanning mills. Subsequently he went to Iowa, where he remained for a period of three years and where he was successful in his various ventures, making considerable money and gaining a lot of valuable experience. About 1851 he returned to Morrow county, where he purchased a tract of sixty-two acres of land, to which he added a small tract at a time until he was the owner of a fine estate of seven hundred acres.

In politics Mr. Foust accords an unswerving allegiance to the principles promulgated by the Democratic party and for a time he gave most efficient service as supervisor of his township. He has ever manifested a deep and sincere interest in public affairs and his contribution to progress and development has been of no mean order. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Masons and Odd Fellows. He is a fine old man and commands the high regard of all with whom he has had business or personal dealings. He is most generous and has given to each of his children a fine large farm.

Mr. Foust has been twice married. On the 5th of November, 1850, was solemnized his marriage to Miss Ellen Claypool, who was born and reared in Licking county, Ohio, and who was summoned to the life eternal in 1855. To this union were born three children, Warren, who resides at Cheyenne City; Bruce, of Trumbull county, Ohio; and Mary E., who is the wife of Hiram Barber, to whom a sketch is dedicated on other pages of this work. On the 14th of September, 1856, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Foust to Miss Lucy Durkee, who was born on the 20th of February, 1835 and who is a daughter of Schnyler and Felicia (Southworth) Durkee. She was reared and educated in Morrow county, where occurred her marriage to Mr. Foust. This union has been blessed with four children—Carson, Kelley, Lozana and Elmira, all of whom are married and reside in this county and Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Foust number among the oldest settlers in Morrow county and they have ever been prominent and popular citizens.

Mr. Foust traces his lineage to the German, as his grandfather came from Germany, and the original spelling of the name was "Faust."

JOHN C. HOSKINS, president and general manager of the Hoskins & Rush Manufacturing Company at Mt. Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, is an energetic business man of the type that no amount of opposition can phase. He is a man of quick perception and keen business ability and in his particular line of enterprise is building up an important industry in this place. He was born in Toledo, Ohio, on the 4th of February, 1872, and is a son of William H. and Mary L. (Johnson) Hoskins, the father now deceased and the mother is living in Toledo.

Mr. Hoskins was enrolled as a pupil in the public schools of Toledo until he had attained to the age of sixteen years, at which time he left school to become paymaster for the Woolson Spice Company at Toledo, with which concern he was connected in that capacity for a period of five years. Thereafter he and his brother William H., became ticket bookers at Toledo, following that line of enterprise for the ensuing six years, at the expiration of which John C. Hoskins became interested in the manufacture of telephones at Orville, Ohio. Two years later in 1906, he disposed of his interest in the telephone business and came to Morrow county, locating at Cardington, where he was in the wood-working business and in the manufacturing of furniture. There he organized a company and there he continued to reside until 1909, in which year he came to Mt. Gilead, where he organized the Hoskins & Rush Manufacturing Company, the same being dealers in wood specialties and wholesalers in hardwood lumber. Associated with him in business as a member of the Hoskins & Rush Manufacturing Company is M. M. Hoskins, who is treasurer of the concern. The company was incorporated under the laws of the state in 1909, with

a capital of ten thousand dollars, Mr. Hoskins being the principal and the largest stock holder.

At Monroe, Michigan, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Hoskins to Miss Mary M. Hanson, of Toledo, Ohio. To this union have been born three children, namely: Severina, born August 25, 1893, is a student in the Mt. Gilead High School; John C., Jr., born February 1, 1902; and Homer, born May 20, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoskins are zealous members of the Presbyterian church, and he is a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Republican party in his political convictions. The beautiful Hoskins home on West High street is owned by Mr. Hoskins and is renowned for gracious and generous hospitality. Mr. Hoskins is one of the prominent and influential business men at Mt. Gilead and is widely esteemed for his straight forward methods and sterling integrity of character.

BYRAM LEVERING, whose years have lengthened the thread to the golden time of life, is one of the prosperous and prominent citizens of Morrow county, Ohio. He is now living virtually retired on his fine estate of one hundred and sixty acres in Perry township, Morrow county, where he is the owner of a beautiful residence. He has the satisfaction of knowing that the farm, the improvements and the good buildings have all been wrought by his own plans and oversight and that the success in life attained by him is largely the outcome of his own well directed endeavors. At one time he was the owner of some five hundred acres of most arable Buckeye lands but he has generously divided most of this land among his children. He and his wife are recognized for their genial, hospitable ways and they command a high place in the confidence and esteem of their neighbors and friends.

At Woodbury, Perry township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 9th of June, 1842, occurred the birth of him to whom this sketch is dedicated and he is a son of Morgan Levering, who was born and reared in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, whence he accompanied his parents to Morrow county, Ohio, in the year 1816. William Levering, grandfather of Byram Levering, was likewise born in the old Keystone state of the Union and after his immigration to Ohio he entered a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of government land in 1812. He then returned to Pennsylvania, where he resided for the ensuing four years, at the expiration of which he removed, with his family and all portable goods to Ohio, settling on the land previously entered by him. He was identified with farming operations during the remainder of his life and he lived to attain to the venerable age of eighty-five years. Morgan Levering was a child of but eight years of age at the time of his arrival in Morrow county, Ohio, and he was reared to maturity under the invigorating influences of the home farm, his preliminary education having consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the

public schools of the locality and period. After reaching man's estate he became a clerk in a store at Belleville, Ohio, remaining at that place for some four years. He then married and came to Woodbury, in Perry township, this county, where he began operations in general merchandising and where he continued to reside during the residue of his life. He was summoned to eternal rest on the 25th of January, 1860, and at the time of his demise was worth as much as twenty-five thousand dollars, all of which he had acquired through his own thrift and industry. At the time of his settlement in Perry township, in 1836, he was the owner of seventy-five dollars but as the result of his fine executive ability and admirable business instincts he made of success not an accident but a logical outcome. He was the father of five children, two of whom are living in 1911, namely: Byram and Robert B., the latter of whom now maintains his home at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Byram Levering was reared to adult age in his native place of Woodbury, where he attended the public schools and assisted his father in the work and management of the store. He was a youth of but eighteen years of age at the time of his father's death and he then purchased the farm on which he now resides. With the passage of time he accumulated a landed estate amounting to five hundred acres of most arable land in Morrow county and when his children grew up he divided the land amongst them, retaining for himself only the original homestead of one hundred and sixty acres. He constructed his present beautiful and substantial brick house in 1872 and everything about his place is indicative of that thrift and prosperity which characterizes the practical, well-to-do farmer of the modern day. While he is now living retired from the active responsibilities connected with running the farm, he still gives to the same a general supervision. Associated with him in the management of the homestead is one of his sons, who devotes considerable attention to general agriculture and the raising of high grade stock.

On the 6th of April, 1865, Mr. Levering was united in marriage to Miss Leah Ruhl, who was born and reared in Perry township and who is a daughter of Henry Ruhl, long a prominent farmer and representative citizen in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Levering became the parents of five children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Nora, is the wife of J. H. Webb and they maintain their home in Perry township; Orpheus D., is a machinist in Columbus, Ohio; Alfred H., remains at the parental home; Morgan is deceased; and Hylas A., is now a resident of Congress township, Morrow county.

Mr. and Mrs. Levering are devout members of the Lutheran church, in the various departments of which they have ever been active and helpful workers and in which he has given most efficient service as deacon and elder. He is a liberal contributor to all charitable and benevolent institutions and is widely renowned as a man whose charity knows only the bounds of his opportunities.

He is a man who takes a great interest in the advancement and welfare of the county and for nine years he served in the capacity of township trustee. In his public record, as in his private life, one sees the same stanch care for the interests of the people as he displayed for his own private business. In his political convictions he endorses the cause of the Democratic party and in a fraternal way he is affiliated with various representative organizations of a local nature. His wisdom and ability are commended by those who know him and as citizens he and his wife command the highest esteem of their fellow citizens. They are known throughout the county for their affability, and their spacious, comfortable home is recognized as a center of most generous hospitality.

FRANK SHIVELY.—Among the generous, whole-souled, public-spirited citizens of Chesterville and its vicinity must assuredly be numbered Frank Shively, who in the useful capacity of a skilled blacksmith has contributed his share to the prosperity and progress of the community in which he is situated. He was born November 30, 1852, near Johnsville, Ohio, and is the son of Jacob and Adaline (Lamb) Shively, the former a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Ohio. The subject is one of a family of five children, the other members being John, who died in infancy; Martha; and two half brothers, Ben and Lew.

In the year 1889 Mr. Shively was united in marriage to Miss Mary B. McCausland, a daughter of John and Henrietta (Smith) McCausland, of Chesterville. The McCausland family consisted of nine children, three of whom were sons and six daughters, the following being an enumeration: David L., who died in infancy, B. Frank, Arthur V., Mary B., Izola, Gladys, Edith, Wastella and Anna K. In youth Frank and Arthur McCausland were employed as clerks, and they now reside in Harney county, Oregon, where they have homesteaded three hundred and twenty acres of land. Anna and Gladys became trained nurses, Marion being the scene of their activity. The latter married Arthur Seffner and makes her home in Marion.

Mr. Shively was reared in this vicinity and received his education in the schools of Richland county. At an early age he embarked in the blacksmithing business, and when marriage had placed upon his shoulders new responsibilities he continued in the same field and chose for his permanent location Chesterville, in whose many-sided life he has ever since taken an active and useful part. His geniality and kindness have served to make him popular here and his thrift and industry have crowned his labors with prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Shively share their pleasant and hospitable home with one daughter, Edith Franceine, now aged seventeen years, one of the admirable young women of the place, who with her father

and mother enjoys the goodwill of their many friends and neighbors.

In his political affiliation Mr. Shively gives heart and hand to the policies and principles of the Democratic party, which since his earliest voting days he has supported. He is interested in all measures likely to result in benefit to the many and can ever be depended upon to give his support to the same.

WALTER S. EMERSON.—A man whose splendid success in life has been on a parity with his fine initiative power and marked executive ability is Walter S. Emerson, who is president and general manager of the Mt. Gilead Tile & Pottery Company. As a penniless youth he began life and through persistent application and earnest devotion to duty he so shaped his course as to make all count for good, with the result that today he has not only gained a competency but has also secured a high place among the representative business men of Morrow county. Mr. Emerson is a native son of Mt. Gilead, his birth having here occurred on the 22nd of May, 1871. Both of his parents, whose names were John W. and Sarah (Purcell) Emerson, are deceased, the former having died on the 22nd of September, 1910, at the venerable age of eighty years and eight months, and the latter having passed away on the 29th of August, 1876.

John W. Emerson was born at Leesburg, Loudoun county, Virginia, on the 22nd of January, 1830, and in the Old Dominion commonwealth was reared to maturity. There, on the 9th of October, 1851, occurred his marriage to Miss Sarah E. Purcell, and soon after that event he and his wife came to Mt. Gilead, Ohio, where two of his sisters, Mrs. Craven O. Van Horn and Mrs. David Sanders, resided. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson became the parents of seven children, all of whom were born in Ohio and two of whom died in childhood. The other five still survive and concerning them the following brief data are here incorporated: Mrs. Hicks Mosher is a resident of Cardington, this county; Mrs. J. R. Seitz, Mrs. Frank Kline and Walter S. Emerson, of this review, all maintain their homes at Mt. Gilead; and Mrs. John Nulk resides at Columbus, Ohio. As previously noted, the mother was summoned to the life eternal on the 29th of August, 1876. When the dark cloud of the Civil war obscured the national horizon Mr. Emerson came loyally to the front and tendered his services in defense of the Union. On the 14th of June, 1861, he enlisted for a term of three years in Company E, Twenty-sixth regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, one of the most heroic Ohio regiments and one which took part in nearly all the battles in the department of the Cumberland, from Shiloh to Nashville. He was always ready and eager for duty and participated in thirty-two battles, some of the most sanguinary in the war. On the 1st of January, 1864, he re-enlisted as a veteran for another term of three years and

served thereafter until the close of the war, being finally mustered out of the army on the 21st of October, 1865, at Victoria, Texas, after a period of four years and four months in the service. During his active business career Mr. Emerson was identified with the butchering line of enterprise.

On the 7th of September, 1881, Mr. John Emerson was again married, his second wife being Miss Susannah Heidlebaugh. To this union were born seven children, namely: Harry, of Galion, Ohio; Howard, of Akron, Ohio; Lloyd and Ralph, of Mt. Gilead; and three who are deceased. Mr. Emerson's death was a cause for widespread grief in the county in which he so long made his home. He was a great sufferer in the last years of his life and received the tenderest of care from his wife and children. Besides his widow and children and many grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren mourn his departure. The funeral services were conducted under the auspices of Hurd Post, Grand Army of the Republic, on September 30, 1910, and his remains were laid to rest in River Cliff cemetery at Mt. Gilead. Mr. Emerson was a man of straightforward and honorable principles, one who recognized his duty and did it unwaveringly. His was a just and upright mind and he left as an heritage to his children a fair and untarnished name.

Walter S. Emerson was a child of but five years of age at the time of his mother's death. He attended the graded schools of Mt. Gilead until he had attained to the age of fifteen years and he then turned his attention to farm work. Two years later he went west to Iowa, where he worked on a farm by the month for the ensuing three years, during which time he managed to save as much as four hundred dollars. In 1890 he returned to Mt. Gilead, where he purchased a dray and engaged in the transfer business for a period of six years, during which time he gained capital enough to pay for a tract of one hundred acres of most arable land in the vicinity of Mt. Gilead. He began to save by putting a quarter of a dollar in a box each day, later raised the sum to half dollars and finally to dollars. After purchasing his farm he disposed of the dray line and gave his time to agricultural pursuits, in which he was engaged for a period of six years, at the expiration of which he sold his farm and purchased another in Franklin township which he sold to the same party. He thus made six hundred dollars and bought one hundred and seventy acres in Congress township. Thereafter he became interested in practical business affairs and in 1902 came to Mt. Gilead, where he engaged in the grocery business, following the same for six years, when he disposed of his stock and went to Florida for the winter season. In October, 1909, he bought seventy shares out of one hundred and fifty in the Mt. Gilead Tile & Pottery Company, of which he was elected president and general manager. This concern was organized and incorporated in 1906, with a capital stock of fifteen thousand dollars

and it is one of the most important industries in this section of the fine old Buckeye state. Mr. Emerson has other interests of broad scope and importance in Mt. Gilead. He owns a half interest in the Kline & Emerson Bakery and has considerable real estate of high value. He has a half interest in a general store at Edison, Ohio, the same being known under the title of Edison & Greenfield, and he owns a fine farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Congress township. He is also interested in the horse and mule business, in which he is an extensive breeder.

On the 29th of May, 1891, Mr. Emerson married Miss Anna B. Taylor, who is a daughter of Martin Taylor, of Ohio, and who was reared and educated in Morrow county. To this union were born four children, namely: Mary, Ralph, who died September 25, 1907, Gertrude and Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Emerson are devoted members of the First Baptist church of Mt. Gilead and they are most ardent church workers.

Politically Mr. Emerson is a stalwart Republican and he has always manifested a deep and sincere interest in all matters conducive to the general welfare. He is a member of Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 196, Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor, and he is also affiliated with L. H. Breese Camp, Sons of Veterans.

JAMES BENDER is one of the flourishing agriculturists of Morrow county and, better yet, one of its broad minded citizens whose support has ever been given to all measures likely to result in benefit to the whole of society. He can say what it is given to few people to say, that he was born on the very farm upon which he lives at the present day. The date of the birth of Mr. Bender was May 15, 1851, and he is a son of George and Elizabeth (Reath) Bender. The family came to the Buckeye state from Pennsylvania, the father of him whose name initiates this review having been born in Cumberland county of the Keystone state September 1, 1799, and he lived nearly to reach the psalmist's allotment, his demise occurring April 19, 1868. His father was John Bender, who took for his wife Barbara Coke.

In glancing at the maternal ancestry of Mr. Bender we find that the Reath family is of Irish origin. Adam Reath, the grandfather of Mr. Bender's mother, was born in Erin and came to the United States in 1801, to seek out the bettered fortunes he hoped to find for himself and his descendants in "the land of the free and the home of the brave." He was twice married, first to Polly Door, who died in 1814, and second to Peggy Campbell. They were well along in life when they came to Ohio, the year being 1840, but Adam was to have only a few months in the Buckeye state, for he was killed on the following Christmas. Elizabeth Reath was born April 12, 1807, in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and was united in marriage to the subject's father July 14, 1832.

The following children were born to them: Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Thompson; Sarah J., wife of Peter Ballmer; and James, (the above being those who survive); and those now deceased, Mary, wife of Henry Bardman; Margaret, wife of J. S. Ross; Barbara, who died at the age of fourteen years; David R., who married Anna M. Stull; and George W., who married Sarah Haldeman.

The scenes amid which James Bender resides are very dear to him, for here he was born, here reared and here have come to him the principal events which make life significant. He received his education in the district school and early came to the conclusion to adopt as his own the honorable calling of his fathers—agriculture. His energy, thrift and integrity have brought him success and he owns one hundred acres advantageously situated in Troy township, the village of Steam Corners being situated on the southwest corner of his farm and ten miles southeast of Galion, Ohio.

Mr. Bender laid the foundation of an exceptionally happy home life when on March 15, 1883, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Yost. To them were born five children, of whom two are living at the present time. Clark Y., is engaged in farming, he married Edna Meckley, and they have one child, Mary Elizabeth; Maude M., is the wife of William F. Ench, and they have one child, James Edward Ench; Elena B., born May 12, 1891, died August 11, 1891; Boyd J., born July 12, 1894, died in infancy; George V., born March 14, 1897, also died in infancy. Mr. Bender's first wife was called to her eternal rest May 18, 1901. On March 16, 1905, he took as his wife Jennie Coldwell, who was born in Springfield township, Richland county, January 10, 1862, the daughter of Jonas and Jane E. (Calvert) Coldwell. Jonas was the son of James and Jennie (Williams) Coldwell, and Jane E. Calvert was the daughter of Joseph and Catherine Calvert.

Interested in all the good causes of the community, Mr. and Mrs. Bender are found as zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church and the former holds the office of steward. They are also pupils in the Sunday School. In politics Mr. Bender gives his heart and hand to the men and measures of the Republican party and he is not unfamiliar with the duties of public life, having served as one of the township trustees. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bender are widely and favorably known.

Mrs. Bender's father, Jonas Coldwell, was born in Springfield township, Richland county, and her mother, whose maiden name was Jane E. Calvert, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1837, the date of her birth being that upon which American independence was born, namely July 4. The Coldwells and Calverts have been men and women of high citizenship and enjoying general respect.

LUCIANA SNYDER, who is a popular and successful teacher in the public schools at Liberty Center, Morrow county, Ohio, was born in Congress township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 17th of April, 1888, and she is a daughter of George T. and Juliana (Steffey) Snyder. The father was born in Ohio and he is a son of John and Mary (Clay) Snyder, both of whom are deceased, the former having come to the fine old Buckeye state as a pioneer from Pennsylvania. George T., married Juliana Steffey, a daughter of George and Luciana (Bartner) Steffey, also of Pennsylvania. To this union were born five children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Obel, is the wife of John Henry, who is engaged as a laborer at Mt. Gilcad; Lola, is the wife of Carl Snyder, an agriculturist in the vicinity of Tabor church; Luciana is the immediate subject of this review; and Harold Clay and Lyrre both remain at the parental home. George T. Snyder is a farmer by occupation and he owns a fine little estate of forty acres in Congress township, the same being in a high state of cultivation. In politics he is a staunch advocate of the policies promulgated by the Prohibition party and he and his family are devout members of the Williamsport United Brethren church.

To the public schools of her native place Luciana Snyder is indebted for her early educational training and the same was later supplemented by an effective course of study in the Johnsville High School, in which she was duly graduated as a member of the class of 1909. She received her teacher's certificate on the 3rd of April, 1909, just prior to her graduation from high school, and she inaugurated her efforts in the pedagogic profession in the ensuing September by taking charge of the schools at Liberty Center, Morrow county, this state. She attended a session of summer school at Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio, in the summer of 1910, and she is rapidly gaining headway and prestige as an able and successful teacher in this section of the county. Miss Snyder is exceptionally well read for one of her years, is studious by nature and has an excellent future in store for her in her chosen vocation. She is decidedly popular and is very prominent in the best social activities of the community.

BENJAMIN F. RINEHART is a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Washington township, Morrow county, Ohio. He owns a finely improved farm of one hundred and two acres and the same is in a state of high cultivation. Mr. Rinehart has been identified with various lines of enterprise and in all of them has achieved eminent success as the result of well applied energy. He was born in Perry township, Morrow county, Ohio, the date of his nativity being June 3, 1848. He is a son of Joshua and Salome (Shafer) Rinehart, the former of whom was a son of Jacob Rinehart a daughter of Conrad Shafer. The Rinehart family traces its ancestry back to staunch German stock and the name was originally

spelled Reinhard. Joshua Rinehart was born and reared in York county, Pennsylvania, whence he came to Perry Township, Morrow county, in an early day. He became the father of the following named children: Isaiah, Jemima, William, Ephraim, Benjamin F. and Genius P. The only daughter, Jemima, became the wife of Hiram Craven and they maintained their home at Morrow. The father was summoned to the life eternal in 1897 and the mother passed away in 1892.

Benjamin F. Rinehart was reared to maturity on the old homestead farm in Perry township, this county, and in that place he attended school until he had attained to the age of seventeen years, at which time he went to Pennsylvania, where he was variously employed, one of his interests being the nursery business. In 1869 he went west to Kansas, where he remained for two years, at the expiration of which he returned to Morrow county, Ohio. Soon after his return he was married and thereafter he turned his attention to agriculture and the growing of high grade stock. He is a carpenter by trade but is not actively identified with that occupation. In politics he is a Democrat and at the present time, in 1911, is assessor of the southern part of Washington township. Mr. Rinehart is a valued and appreciative member of the Mt. Gilead Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and he and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Iberia.

On March 9, 1876, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Rinehart to Miss Mary E. Braddock, who was born in Washington township on the 1st of January, 1853, a daughter of Martin C. and Mary A. (Sipes) Braddock, whose ancestry is traced back to General Braddock of Revolutionary war fame. Mr. and Mrs. Martin C. Braddock passed their entire lives in Ohio, where their deaths occurred in 1856 and 1899 respectively. John Braddock, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Rinehart, married Margaret Gray in 1801, and in 1808 came to Ohio, where he entered a tract of government land in Morrow county. Mr. and Mrs. Rinehart have four children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Starling A., is married and resides in Washington township; Bessie, was graduated in the Iberia High School and is now a student in the business college at Mansfield, Ohio; Enola, was graduated in the Iberia High School as a member of the class of 1905 and for the past three years has been a popular and successful teacher in the public schools of Morrow county; Lemoine D., was a student in the Iberia and Mt. Gilead High Schools and he now remains at the parental home, where he is associated with his father in the work and management of the home farm. One child, Verna E., who was born March 27, 1880, died July 25, 1893. Mrs. Rinehart being of Revolutionary stock is entitled as well as her children to become members of the great order, sons and daughters of the Revolution, which is a high honor. Mr. Rinehart is well known in Morrow county, where

occurred his birth and where he has passed much of his life, and here he has gained the warm regard which is ever given in recognition of sterling worth and admirable personal traits of character.

WILLIAM S. LEFEVER.—As one of the representative farmers of the younger generation in his native county and as a citizen whose popularity is of the most unequivocal type, Mr. Lefever well merits consideration in this volume. His well improved farm of eighty-five acres is located one mile north of the village of Edison, in his native township of Canaan, and here he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock growing, which are lines of industry with which the family name has here been long identified.

William S. Lefever was born in Canaan township, this county, on the 29th of October, 1882, and is a son of Frank and Mary (Lyon) Lefever, who are well known and highly esteemed citizens of this township, where the father was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is a native of Morrow county, Ohio, born May, 20, 1852. He was educated in the schools of his native county and his whole life has been devoted to agriculture and stock raising. His wife was born in the little state of New Jersey, in October, 1855, and both are still living. Under the vitalizing influences and labors of the home farm William S. Lefever was reared to manhood, and he has had the good judgment not to waver in his allegiance to the great basic industry with which he thus became familiar in his boyhood days. He is indebted to the excellent public schools of Morrow county for his early educational training, which was effectively supplemented by a course in a business college in the city of Mansfield, this state. He continued to be associated in the work and management of his father's farm until he had attained to the age of twenty-seven years, and in 1910 he purchased his present farm, whose location is most attractive, as it is situated on the well improved thoroughfare known as the Boundary road and is only a mile distant from the thriving village of Edison. Mr. Lefever is enthusiastic and progressive in his chosen vocation and his farm is a model of thrift and prosperity. He raises the various agricultural products best suited to this section and also raises live stock of excellent grades. His attitude in connection with civic affairs is marked by liberality and distinctive loyalty, and he is now serving as constable and also as health officer of his township. The principles and policies of the Democratic party enlist his hearty support and he takes a lively interest in public affairs, especially those of local import. Mr. Lefever is a member of the United Brethren church in Climax and his wife holds membership in the Universalist church. In a fraternal way he is identified with Iberia Lodge, No. 64, Knights of Pythias, in the village of Iberia, and he is active in its work.

On the 22nd of June, 1903, Mr. Lefever was united in marriage to Miss Lucille Coe, who was born in the village of Edison.

this county, on the 15th of May, 1886, and who is a daughter of Samuel Allen Coe, a representative business man and sterling citizen of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever have three children, whose names and respective dates of birth are here indicated: Dorothy E., January 11, 1905; Harold E., November 4, 1906; and Esther L., February 8, 1908. The attractive country homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Lefever is known as "Idlewild Farm," and the doors of the hospitable home are ever open to their friends.

WASHINGTON GARDNER, grandson of John Gardner and sixth and youngest son of John Lewis and Sarah (Goodin) Gardner, was born on a farm two miles due north from South Woodbury February 16, 1845. In his fourth year the mother died leaving a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters. Shortly after his mother's death the subject of this sketch was taken into the home of his paternal uncle, for whom he had been named, and until he entered the army lived in or near the village of Westfield. The young lad early learned the lessons of self denial and self help. In the spring of 1859, when but fourteen years old, his uncle engaged him to work for Mr. Robert Kearney, a most estimable man who owned a farm a little west of Westfield, for six dollars a month and board; the next year for the same party for seven; and the next for eight dollars a month. Mr. Kearney had a small but well selected library, of which the "hired boy" made good use during his leisure hours and in the long winter evenings after his next day's school lessons had been prepared.

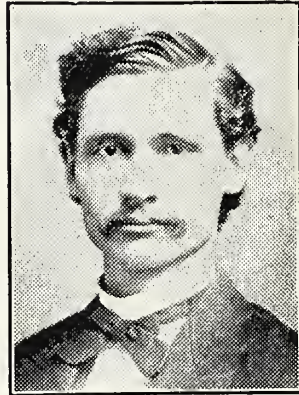
In the spring of 1860, after a winter in the village school, taught by Mr. Joseph B. Breckenridge, who at this writing is still a resident of Westfield and very proud of the career of his former pupil, he attended the Mount Hesper Academy located in the Friends Settlement near South Woodbury then and for many years conducted by the late Jesse and Cynthia Harkness. Many of the sons and daughters of Morrow county were educated at this one time well known and popular school.

On the evening of Saturday, October 26, 1861, a largely attended war meeting was held in the lecture room of the Methodist Episcopal church, addressed by James Olds, of Mount Gilead. At the close of the address a call was made for volunteers and young Gardner was the first of a considerable number of Westfield boys to go forward to the desk on the platform and write down his name. The boy recruit who had hitherto scarcely been outside of his native county now entered upon a new and strange life. It was rough and dangerous but valuable school. Its lessons given in the camp, on the march, around the bivouac, on the picket post, during the siege, upon the battlefield and in the hospital were if rightly applied, such as to better fit one for the subsequent duties and responsibilities of life. Mr. Gardner became a member of Company D, Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry Volunteers. The

history of this company being elsewhere given in detail in this volume, it is enough to say that this, according to the official records, youngest member of the company shared every campaign, march, siege and battle participated in by his regiment until hit in battle on the afternoon of Saturday, May 14, 1864, at Resaca, Georgia, in Sherman's campaign for Atlanta. His clothes were pierced by the bullet of a Confederate sharp shooter in the battle of Stone's river and his bayonet scabbard cut into, and the little finger of the left hand grazed on the second day at Chickamauga, but blood



AS A RAW RECRUIT.



AS A COLLEGE GRADUATE.

was not drawn until the well aimed bullet was fired at Resaca which permanently disabled and made him henceforth a sufferer for life. The wounded soldier was fortunate in the care he received in the temporary hospital near the battlefield and again in Chattanooga, to which place he was removed from Resaca and later in Nashville, where he was confined for months on a cot in the First Presbyterian church, which was used as a hospital in that city. He was here when Hood's army invaded the Tennessee capital in December, 1864, and on the 14th of that month, the day before the battle of Nashville opened, he was honorably discharged by reason of expiration of term of service.

Returning to the home of his uncle, Washington Gardner, at Westfield on a Friday evening in December, 1864, a veteran of more than three years of service in war though still a youth under twenty years of age, he at once put into execution a resolution formed while in the army, viz, that if he lived to get home he would go to school. On the Monday morning following his arrival home from the war on the preceding Friday night he enrolled as a pupil in the Beach Grove Academy at Ashley, Ohio. After one term here he entered the preparatory department of Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, where he remained four terms and in the fall



MRS. WASHINGTON GARDNER



Truly yours
Washington Gardner

of 1866 matriculated as a freshman in Hillsdale College, Michigan. He remained in this institution for three years having in the meantime among others as fellow students, Will Carleton, the poet; Albert J. Hopkins, for many years a member of Congress, and later a senator of the United States from Illinois; John F. Downey, dean of the University of Minnesota and one of the foremost educators in the middle west; and Joseph H. Moore, now and for many years one of the justices of the Michigan Supreme Court. During his senior vacation in the summer of 1869 he visited among his old friends in Morrow county, some of whom prevailed upon him to take his last collegiate year at Delaware. After a successful examination he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which institution he graduated from the classical course on the 30th day of June, 1870, receiving the degree of A. B. and later that of A. M. in Cursu.

During all his school days Mr. Gardner purposed to study law, with a political career in view, but while at Delaware influences were brought to bear that changed the course he had previously marked out for himself. The fall of 1871 found him a student in the Boston University, School of Theology. In the second year of his course his health gave way after a continuous strain in school and hard work in vacations to earn money with which to meet his expenses in college. In the fall of 1875 he entered the Albany Law School, from which he subsequently graduated as valedictorian of his class. In the meantime he had married Miss Anna Lee Powers, of Abington, Massachusetts. Mrs. Gardner, on the paternal side, is connected with the well known Powers family of New Hampshire, her father being a native of that state, distinguished in sculpture, law and politics. Her mother was a Miss Reed, related to the people of that name both in Massachusetts and Maine. Her ancestors on the maternal side have lived in Plymouth county since the landing of the Pilgrims from the Mayflower. To Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have been born seven children—Grace Bartlett, Mary Theodosia, Carleton Frederick, Elton Goldthwaite, Raymond Huntington, Lucy Reed and Helen Louise. All are living except the first named, who died in early infancy. All are married and settled in life, except Miss Helen, who is at this writing a girl of eighteen.

In the fall of 1876 Mr. Gardner removed with his family to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and entered upon the practice of law in partnership with Mr. Samuel A. Kennedy, a former college chum. After one year in the law he entered the Michigan Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and preached for twelve years, at the end of which time he was tendered and accepted a professorship in Albion College, Michigan. In March, 1894, while serving in this capacity he was, without solicitation, requested by Governor John T. Rich to accept the position of secretary of state to fill out an unexpired term. Laying the matter before the trustees of the

college they advised him to accept. He was subsequently twice nominated by acclamation and elected to the same office. While serving as secretary of state he was nominated and elected to congress by the Republicans of the Third Michigan District and was five times elected to succeed himself, serving in the 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, and 61st Congresses. Ten of his twelve years in Congress he was a member of the Committee on Appropriations. During his service on this committee estimates aggregating \$3,405,927.-100.10 were considered and bills amounting to \$3,185,567,336.69 were framed and carried through Congress, resulting in a saving to the government, below the estimates, of \$220,359,763.41. Mr. Gardner also served as chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Commerce and Labor. Through the Committee on Appropriations he was closely associated with the building of the Panama Canal. It was before this committee that the Chief and his assistant engineers annually appeared to explain the progress of the enterprise. Three times at the request of the President of the United States Mr. Gardner with his associate committee members visited the Canal Zone and inspected the work with great care in order that the committee might have the fullest and most accurate information upon which to base their recommendations to the Congress. He also visited Cuba, Porto Rico, Jamaica and other of the tropical countries.

In Congress Mr. Gardner had the reputation of preparing with great care and thoroughness of detail the appropriation bills of which he had charge and of advocating and defending the measures presented by him with such clearness and force that not infrequently bills carrying many millions of dollars passed the critical scrutiny of the House with very little of change. For ten years he was a member and for four years chairman of the subcommittee having in charge the District of Columbia appropriation bills. Such was the manner in which he discharged the duties assigned him and so greatly were his services appreciated by the citizens of Washington, that on the eve of his retirement from Congress a public dinner was tendered him at which there were present the President of the United States, the speaker of the House of Representatives, many members of Congress, and about three hundred of the foremost citizens of the Federal City. President Taft, in speaking for the capital of the nation, said in part: "I came here to join with you in testifying to the gratitude that we all ought to feel toward a member of Congress who has given so effective attention and so much of his time in Congress for the benefit of the District of Columbia." The Hon. John W. Yerkes in behalf of the citizens of Washington, in a personal tribute to Mr. Gardner, said: "This homage, these thanks of the people of Washington—a crown unlike the laurel and the bay will never wither—must, notwithstanding your modesty and simplicity, your abhorrence of show and parade, accompany you back to your home

in the Lake state, a trophy of war yet of victory; the capture by you of the high esteem and affection of a great city." Major William V. Judson, engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia, in behalf of the commissioners of the district, said: "Mr. Gardner has never inserted in an appropriation bill a single item to gratify a friend or to win the applause of the thoughtless. No man in Washington owes him a thank you for a special favor. I bear witness to the sterling qualities of this man. His honesty, infinite patience and intelligent application are too unworthily recognized by any mere public dinner. In giving this slight token of respect we feel that we honor ourselves more than we do him." Admiral C. H. Stockton, the acting president of George Washington University said, that "the hand of Representative Gardner is to be seen in every good thing in the district. There is no one more just or better qualified to present our great projects to Congress." Mr. Speaker Cannon said, "I have come to give my personal, committee and political friend a sad farewell because his going from us is a real loss to the American Congress." No greater welcome has ever been accorded a guest of honor than when Mr. Gardner was introduced by the toast master, Mr. John Jay Edison, to acknowledge the tributes paid him. The entire company arose and cheered him mightily. Handkerchiefs were waved and flowers were tossed toward him.

We insert the above extracts from the Washington Star of February 26, 1911, as showing at the end of a long career in Congress the esteem in which a Morrow county boy is held in the capital city of the nation. Surely it is a faraway distance from the place of an obscure, motherless and self-dependent lad of fourteen years working on a farm at six dollars a month to the central figure in a great banquet hall in the capital of the nation receiving as a tribute for public services well and faithfully performed homage and plaudits from some of the nation's most distinguished citizens. It is but another illustration of the possibilities of the American boy. The citizens of Morrow county are justly proud of its having been the birth-place of Washington Gardner. They are proud of his useful and honorable career. His home is Albion, Michigan.

WILLIAM F. COOK.—In the prosecution of his independent occupation of a general farmer William F. Cook has met with gratifying results, his land being fertile and well adapted to the production of the cereals common to this section of the country, of which he raises good crops each season. A native of Westfield township, his present home, he was born February 11, 1854, a son of the late John Cook.

David Cook, Mr. Cook's paternal grandfather, was born, bred and married in Ireland. In 1801, accompanied by his young wife, he immigrated to the United States, impelled by the spirit that led

so many men of energy and enterprise to seek new homes in the wilds of America. Making his way to Ohio, he lived first in Upper Sandusky, Wyandot county, from there coming to Morrow county, where he spent the closing years of his life, his body, at his death, being laid to rest in Westfield township. He was very loyal to the country of his adoption, and served her valiantly in the war of 1812 and in the Mexican war.

John Cook was born in Upper Sandusky, Wyandot county, but was educated in Morrow county. He spent the greater part of his life in Westfield township, being an honored and respected citizen, his death occurring here in 1883. In 1861, about seven years after the birth of his youngest son, he became totally blind, an affliction from which he never recovered. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Louisa Nichols and who died in June, 1883, four children were born, William F., the special subject of this brief sketch, having been the fourth child in order of birth.

Reared on the parental homestead, William F. Cook obtained his elementary education in the rural schools of his native district and subsequently attended the Cardington High School for three years. Then, after teaching school a year, Mr. Cook turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and has since devoted his energies to the care of his farm. He has forty-three acres of land in his home place, which is advantageously located on the Cardington and Delaware road, but two and one-half miles from Cardington. Here Mr. Cook is carrying on general farming successfully, having all the necessary farm buildings and machinery required by a first-class, modern agriculturist. He is not particularly active in politics, and belongs to but one fraternal organization, that one being the Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Cook married, September 4, 1884, Melvonia Watkins, who was born February 28, 1861, in Gilead township, Morrow county, where she lived until nine years old, when her parents, Thomas J. and Sarah (Henry) Watkins, moved to Cardington township. She was educated in the district and the Cardington schools, living at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are the parents of six children, namely: Ivah, twenty-four years of age, is the wife of Elmer Bond, of Cardington township, and mother of two children, Florence and Charles; Florence, twenty-two years old; George, now twenty-one years old; Marion F., a graduate of the Cardington High School; Ira, seventeen years old; and Inez, who was born eight years ago. Mrs. Cook is a member of the United Brethren church at Shawtown, Ohio. Mr. Cook on national affairs upholds the Democratic doctrine.

WILLIAM E. MILLER.—A contractor and builder of note in Mount Gilead and a man whose varied business interests are of most prominent order is William E. Miller, who through persistent

effort and constancy to the work at hand has made his way to the goal of success and gained distinctive prestige as a representative business man.

William E. Miller was born on a farm in Gilead township, Morrow county, Ohio, the date of his nativity being May 17, 1853. He is a son of Nehemiah and Rachel (Straw) Miller, the former of whom was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom claimed Morrow county, at that time Knox county, as the place of her birth. Nehemiah Miller came to Morrow county, Ohio, at an early date and here was solemnized his marriage. He was a cabinet maker by trade and was one of the most prominent citizens in Mount Gilead. He was summoned to the life eternal in 1902, at the age of eighty-nine years, his cherished and devoted wife having passed away in 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Miller were the parents of the following children: John, Martha N., Gilbert E., Lucinda C., John F., Parker J., William E. and Melville D.

William E. Miller, who was the next to the youngest in order of birth in the above mentioned family, was reared to the age of nineteen years on the home farm and at that age he entered upon an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, under the able preceptorship of his uncle, Wiliam Miller, who was a large contractor. He worked on several large court houses, among them being those of Richland, and Erie, Licking counties, Ohio. After he had learned his trade he continued to be identified with this line of enterprise for a period of twenty-seven years, during which time he remodeled the Morrow county court house two times. He also constructed the Methodist Episcopal church, the Masonic temple and several other fine buildings in Galion, Ohio, and he has been instrumental in the erection of many of the finest residences in Mount Gilead.

Mr. Miller is the owner of considerable real estate in Mount Gilead, including his fine home on North Main street. He erected and organized what is now known as the Mount Gilead Lumber Company, which he operated from 1880 until 1905. He is one of the directors of the Morrow County Bank and in the Hydraulic Press Works. He is general manager, secretary and treasurer of the Mount Gilead Water, Light, Heat and Power Company, in which he is also a director and stockholder; is president of the Mount Gilead Savings and Loan Association; and is a stockholder in the Marengo Bank. In politics Mr. Miller is a stalwart Republican and for a number of years he was treasurer of Mount Gilead. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 169, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in religious matters he is of the Presbyterian church and his wife is a member of the Baptist church, in whose behalf they have ever been most ardent workers.

On the 27th of September, 1877, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Miller to Miss Sarah L. George, a daughter of Enoch and

Phoebe George, prominent citizens of Mount Gilead during their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have no children of their own but have one adopted daughter, Annetta A., who was born on the 5th of November, 1878. She was educated in the common schools of Mount Gilead and was graduated in the local high school. She is now the wife of R. C. Lockridge and they reside at Las Vegas, Nevada. To Mr. and Mrs. Lockridge was born on May 13, 1910, a little son, Robert Miller Lockridge.

COLONEL E. WAGNER.—One of the prominent residents of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, is Colonel E. Wagner, who, in company with his brother, O. S. Wagner, is engaged in the buying and shipping of grain. He is a loyal and public-spirited citizen, whose influence has ever been exerted in behalf of the general welfare and whose contribution to progress and development is of the most insistent order. He was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, the date of his birth being November 14, 1874, and he is a son of Cyrus and Lydia (Wildermood) Wagner, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Ohio. John Smith Wagner, grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, was likewise born in Germany, whence he came to America with his family in an early date. He settled on a farm in Wyandot county, Ohio, where his death occurred about 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Wagner are still residents of Wyandot county, where the father is identified with agricultural pursuits and where he has maintained his home during his natural life.

Colonel E. Wagner, the fourth in order of birth in a family of nine children, was reared to maturity on the old home farm in Wyandot county, to whose public schools he is indebted for his educational training. He received a good, practical common education, and entered a railroad office at McCutchenville, where he learned telegraphy. In 1889 he entered the employ of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad Company in the capacity of telegraph operator. After working at different places in that capacity he finally came to Mount Gilead in 1894, and here he has since resided. In 1906 he and his brother O. S. Wagner purchased the N. J. Cover warehouse and elevators and since that time they have been engaged in a general feed business, also buying and shipping grain of all kinds. In this line of enterprise the Wagner Brothers are doing a thriving business and the same is most gratifying to contemplate inasmuch as it is the direct result of their own well directed endeavors.

On April 25, 1901, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Wagner to Miss Dora Huffman, who was reared and educated at McCutchenville, Ohio, and who is a daughter of William and Rose (Baker) Huffman, prominent residents of Wyandot county, Ohio. No children have been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Mount Gilead.

In politics Mr. Wagner is a Democrat and he is an influential factor in the local councils of that party. At the present time he is serving as a member of the city council of Mount Gilead and it may be stated here that he has ever been deeply interested in all matters projected for the general welfare of the community. Fraternally he is affiliated with Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons, and with Charles H. Hull Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, in the latter of which he is the present master at arms. Mr. Wagner is a man of fine natural intelligence. His genial manner, his unfaltering courtesy, his genuine worth of character and strong personal traits have won for him the regard and friendship of the vast majority of those with whom he has come in contact and made him a representative citizen of Morrow county.

LAFAYETTE BARTLETT SHURR.—Simon Augustus Shurr with his brother Lafayette Bartlett Shurr are to be numbered among Ohio's well-known summer resort men, and they are exhibiting a spirit of enterprise which bids fair to make of Rogers Lake, near Chesterville, one of the most attractive and popular summering places of this part of the state, sparing neither time nor money in the efforts which will result in additional prosperity to the whole community. The name of Shurr and that of the maternal side of the house—Bartlett—are among the most distinguished and honorable to be encountered in this section, and for many years they have been identified with Morrow county interests. The name of Bartlett, in particular, figures in most interesting fashion in early American history. Hugh and Margaret (Shurr) Bartlett, grandparents of the subject, were natives of Salem, New York, and of Pennsylvania, respectively. Their daughter Mary, mother of Mr. Shurr, was born December 24, 1825, and was affectionately called by her parents their Christmas present. Hugh Bartlett's father was Bartholomew Bartlett, and his brother, Josiah, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Bartholomew Bartlett's wife was Elizabeth Webb, an aunt of Mrs. Lucy Webb Hayes, the one-time popular and noble mistress of the White House. Besides the daughter mentioned there were five sons in the family of Hugh Bartlett and his wife, namely: W. F., G. V., and C. T., who passed their lives as successful business men in New York city; Edwin W., deceased; and D. Lafayette.

Hugh Bartlett migrated with his parents from his native Empire state during the war of 1812, and they located near Mount Vernon, Ohio. At that time the country was principally dense forest, with blazed trails for roads, and many hardships were endured, which assisted in developing that sturdy manhood and womanhood which distinguished Morrow county's pioneer stock. William Bartlett was detailed to do patrol work from Zanesville to Mansfield and Upper Sandusky, the country at that time swarming with hostile Indians. This William Bartlett had been a captain

in the war of 1812, and Samuel Nye, who married his sister Mary, (Called by her adoring relatives Aunt Polly), was also made a captain in that service.

On March 6, 1844, Mary Bartlett, above mentioned, was united in marriage to George W. Shurr, a son of Simon and Margaret (McCracken) Shurr, natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania. The Shurrs had come to Ohio from Claysville, Pennsylvania, in 1836, bringing with them their two sons, John and George. The late George Shurr was a farmer and merchant and one of the well-known citizens of the county. He was the proprietor of the old and well-known Shurr General Merchandise Establishment, which for many years did a large and prosperous business in Chester-ville. To the union of George Shurr and Mary Bartlett were born two sons, named Simon Augustus and Lafayette Bartlett, and a child who died in infancy. The boys received their education in the common and high schools of Chester and subsequently Simon Augustus went to New York city, where he engaged in business for thirty-five years. In that metropolis he was united in marriage to Irene Durkee, and there they passed their wedded life until the death of the wife. For several years after that lamentable event Mr. Shurr continued in business, but not long ago he disposed of his interests in the East and returned to his native Chester. He has purchased Rogers Lake, a summer resort, and he is doing all in his power to improve and beautify this beautiful spot to make it attractive to those who desire to spend the heated season in healthful and delightful surroundings.

Lafayette Bartlett Shurr, who owns Rogers Lake with his brother, was married on the 11th day of June, 1902, to Mary Gordon, a daughter of Sidney and Mahala Gordon, of Chesterville.

The Messrs. Shurr, among their other important improvements, have erected a number of fine and commodious cottages, and the fame of Rogers Lake is constantly growing. It promises, indeed, to become one of the most popular resorts of Central Ohio. The father died several years ago and the widow resides with her children, who tenderly care for her. She is an intelligent, fine woman, of winsome personality. She and her family are united with the Presbyterian church. Mr. L. B. Shurr is an enthusiastic lodge man, with membership in the Masonic Lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which latter the father was a charter member.

As suggested before, the names of Bartlett and Shurr stand for a spirit of progressiveness, and any community with which these families are identified profits therefrom.

JACOB RULE.—Among the influential and highly honored agriculturists of Perry township, Morrow county, Ohio, Jacob Rule holds distinctive prestige as a man of worth and impregnable integrity. He is the owner of a splendid farm of one hundred and

sixty acres of most arable land in Perry township and he also has a tract of eighty acres of land in Congress township, all of which is in a high state of cultivation.

A native son of Perry township, Mr. Rule has passed practically his entire life thus far within its bounds, and the fact that he has always commanded the high regard of his fellow citizens who have known him from earliest youth is sufficient voucher for his estimable character. Mr. Rule was born on the 24th of November, 1842, and he is a son of George and Mary (Rule) Rule, both of whom are deceased. Both parents were natives of the state of Pennsylvania, whence they immigrated to Morrow county, Ohio, at an early day, location having been made on a farm, where they passed the residue of their lives. They became the parents of eight children, three of whom are living in 1911, namely: Jacob, the immediate subject of this review; Margaret, who is the wife of John Gaunt, and who maintains her home in Marshall county, Indiana, and George, a business man of Goshen, Indiana. George Rule, the father, was eminently successful as a pioneer farmer in Ohio, and he was summoned to the great beyond about the year 1900.

Jacob Rule, of this review, was reared to the strenuous influences of the home farm, in connection with the work of which he waxed strong both mentally and physically. He remained an inmate of the parental home until he had attained to the age of twenty-one years, at which time he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on his own account. He is now the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Perry township and the thrifty, prosperous condition of his place well indicates his ability as a practical, conscientious farmer. He has long been identified with diversified agriculture and the raising of high-grade stock and in addition to his estate in Perry township he has a fine farm of eighty acres in Congress township. He is a man of fair and honorable business methods and he stands four-square to every wind that blows.

In 1865 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Rule to Miss Catherine Ruhl Fall, who was born and reared in Morrow county, Ohio, and who is a daughter of H. H. Fall, who has long engaged in agricultural pursuits in Morrow county. To Mr. and Mrs. Rule have been born four children, concerning whom the following brief record is here entered: Eva is the wife of Riley Brewer and they reside in Morrow county; Hernie married George W. Dawson, of Mount Gilead; Delle is the wife of Bert Zollman, of Mount Gilead; and Heilman H. remains at home, where he assists his father in the work and management of the farm. Mrs. Rule was called to the life eternal on the 15th of January, 1911, and her death was uniformly mourned by a wide circle of relatives and friends. She was a woman of high ideals and sweet personality and was deeply beloved by all who knew her.

In his religious faith Mr. Rule is a devout member of the Lutheran church, to whose charities and good works he has ever been a most liberal contributor, and in a fraternal way he is connected with various organizations of a local nature. Politically he endorses the cause of the Democratic party and in connection with public affairs he has given most efficient service as a member of the township board of supervisors and as a school director. His genial kindness and unfailing courtesy have won him a secure place in the hearts of his fellow citizens and no one commands a greater degree of popular confidence and esteem than does he.

MELLVILLE PARROTT.—A representative business man of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, and one whose loyalty and public spirit have prompted him to do all in his power to conserve the progress and development of this section of the fine old Buckeye state is Mellville Parrott, who is a native son of Mount Gilead and a scion of an old Pennsylvania family. He was born on the 4th of March, 1854, and is a son of Simeon S. and Mary (Hiddleston) Parrott, the former of whom was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of whom claimed Monroe county, Ohio, as the place of her birth. Both were born in the year 1818, and the father came to Morrow county, Ohio, in the year 1837, settling on a farm near Mount Gilead. Mrs. Parrott came to this county with her parents, as a young girl, and her marriage was solemnized in September, 1840. To this union were born the following children: Nelson, Clark, Mellville, Louise and Dora. Nelson and Clark are both deceased; Mellville is the immediate subject of this review; Louise is the wife of N. N. Hiskett, and resides in Morrow county; and Dora married I. M. Lautz, of Vinton county. Simeon S. Parrott died in 1904 and his cherished wife was summoned to eternal rest in 1901.

Mellville Parrott was reared to the sturdy discipline of the home farm which was situated one mile southeast of Mount Gilead, and during the busy seasons he assisted his father in the work and management thereof, attending school during the winter terms. When eighteen years of age he gave his entire time to farming and the raising of high-grade stock and he continued to be thus engaged until 1910, in which year he opened a coal yard at Mt. Gilead. In the latter line of enterprise he has been most successful, controlling a large trade and conducting a prosperous business. He owns forty acres of fine land in Gilead township, one quarter of a mile southwest of Mount Gilead, and on the same raises corn of exceptional quality, samples of which have been exhibited in many states of the Union. He makes a specialty of the Johnson county white and the Reed yellow corn and for the same has been awarded premiums in many of the state fairs. Mrs. Parrott is the owner of one acre of real estate in Mount Gilead, the same being located on West High street, near the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad.

Mr. Parrott has been twice married, his first union having been to Miss Addie McAllister, by whom he had three children: Ethel, who is the wife of Ellery Newson, of Morrow county; Nellie, who passed away in 1882; and Florence, who is the wife of Charles Markham, of Mount Gilead, Ohio. Mrs. Parrott was summoned to the life eternal in 1880, and in 1893, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Parrott to Miss Lillie F. Elliottt, who was born and reared at Marion. No children have been born to this latter union.

In politics Mr. Parrott accords an unswerving allegiance to the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor and although he has never been desirous of political preferment he has been sincere and energetic in his efforts to promote the general welfare. He served for a number of years as a member of the Morrow County Agricultural Society. His wife is a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, and they hold a secure place in the esteem and friendship of their fellow citizens.

DANIEL S. MATHER.—A worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of Morrow county, Daniel S. Mather is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Chesterville, and is now rendering appreciated service as mayor of the village. During his long and active life he has been prominently identified with the development and progress of his community, and as opportunity has occurred has given his influence to encourage the establishment of beneficial enterprises. He was born June 29, 1838, in Chesterville, which has ever been his abiding place.

James Mather, his father, was born and reared in New Jersey, and there married Phoebe Struble, a daughter of Peter I. and Annie Struble. Shortly after his marriage, accompanied by his wife and her parents, he came to Morrow county, Ohio, locating, in 1837, on Owl creek, in Chester township, where Mr. Struble entered a large tract of government land. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, none of whom are now living. James Mather was a shoemaker, and followed his trade in Morrow county for twenty-five years, his home being in Chesterville. To him and his good wife six children were born and reared, namely: Daniel S., the special subject of this brief personal review; Elsie, widow of James Clink, a highly respected citizen of Chester township, who served in the Civil war; Noama, wife of R. B. Conant, of Chesterville, who was also a soldier in the Civil war; John P., of Chesterville, married Ella Auker, and their only child, Blanche B., married Maynard Frizzell, of Mount Gilead, has one child, Hutchinson; Emma, wife of David Virtue, of Chesterville; and Charles W., a farmer, married Martha Smiley, of Chesterville.

Spending the days of his boyhood and youth beneath the parental roof-tree, Daniel Mather worked with his father at the shoemaker's bench and also learned the trade of a stone mason and brick layer. At the age of twelve years, in 1851, he worked on the

Methodist church building as an assistant carrying brick, and saw the first brick and the last brick used in its construction laid. He subsequently followed the mason's trade until August 22, 1862, when he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain David Lloyd, of Chester township, being mustered into service on September 11, 1862.

Going with his regiment to Cincinnati, he crossed the river to Covington, Kentucky, and on October 8, took part in the engagement at Perryville. On September 20, 1863, Mr. Mather was at the front in the battle of Chickamauga, Georgia, where he was wounded. Two months later, on November 24 and 25, he fought in the battle of Lookout Mountain, and was also in the battle of Missionary Ridge. He was subsequently with his comrades at the siege of Knoxville; was at Buzzard Roost during the engagements that there took place on May 8 and 9, 1864; at Snake creek May 12 and 13. Following the brave commander, William T. Sherman, Mr. Mather took part in the many engagements of the Atlanta campaign, being at Resaca; at Rome, Georgia, on May 17 and 18, 1864; taking part in the fearful assault upon Kenesaw Mountain, June 27, of that year; and participating in the siege which led to the fall of Atlanta. He was with the regiment at Jonesborough, on September 1, 1864, and continued with Sherman in his "March to the Sea," being at Savannah on December 21 and passing northward through the Carolinas, taking part in the engagements at Averysboro, March 15, and at Bentonville, May 19 and 20, and finally witnessing the surrender of Johnston's Army, in April, 1865. He was present at the Grand Review held in Washington, D. C. and was mustered out of service on June 8, 1865. At the battle of Chickamauga Mr. Mather was wounded in the head, and after an absence of sixty days rejoined his regiment before his wound was entirely healed, and served until the close of the conflict.

During the Atlanta campaign, while Mr. Mather, with some of the other boys of his regiment, was foraging, a large rooster was captured, and was afterwards kept as a mascot, being named "Bill Sherman." The rooster was captured July 25, 1864, and during the march to the sea rode a pack mule. At Bentonville, North Carolina, as related above, the regiment had a skirmish with the Rebels, lasting from two o'clock until after dark, and the mascot, which stood upon the back of the mule, kept up a constant crowing during the fight. After the Grand Review the mascot was brought to Chesterville, Ohio, and a fine painting of the bird was made by Mrs. D. V. Wherry, of Mount Gilead, who painted it for the brave One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment. It is four feet by five feet in dimensions, and is now in the possession of Mr. Mather, who prizes it highly, and no reunion of the regiment is considered complete without this picture of the rooster. Mr. Mather now receives a pension of a dollar a day.

At the close of the war Mr. Mather engaged in the livery

business at Chesterville, but later had charge of the star route between Mount Gilead and Fredericktown for twelve years, four years of the time having also the route to Centerburg. At three different times he has been forced to give up active work for a while on account of the wound he received in battle.

, Mr. Mather married, December 20, 1860, Caroline French, who was born July 12, 1844, a daughter of James French. Two children were born into their household, namely: Jewett A., born in Chesterville December 14, 1861; and William, born October 17, 1864. Jewett A., general agent at Oklahoma, married Mary Andress, and they have one son, Jewett A. Mather, Jr.; William, a jeweler in Chicago, Illinois, married Virginia Cobbs, and their only child, a daughter, is named Caroline. Mrs. Mather has passed to the higher life, her death occurring May 7, 1891.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Mather cast his first presidential ballot in favor of John C. Fremont. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as deacon for ten years. For forty-one years he has been a member of the Masonic Order, and belongs to lodge, chapter and commandery, in all of which he has filled the various chairs. He also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, and is past worthy patron of his chapter. He is ever ready to perform his full duty in regard to the public, and for more than twenty years has been a member of the village board, and at the present time is serving as mayor.

ELLSWORTH W. CLEVINGER.—A resident of Morrow county since his childhood days, Mr Clevenger has attained to preecedence as one of the representative agriculturists and stock-growers of Canaan township, where he is the owner of a finely improved farm of seventy acres in sections 27 and 34. Farming is a prosaie and monotonously arduous vocation to one who fails to bear progressive ideas and discrimination such as are demanded in other lines of enterprise, but to the one who knows and appreciates its details and is willing to put forth a due amount of efforts it offers the most independent position and the most generous returns. Mr. Clevenger is one who has thus taken advantage of the graecious opportunities offered in connection with the great basic industry, and his success has been on a parity with the well directed effort he has put forth.

Mr. Clevenger was born in Morgan county, Ohio, on the 23d of October, 1872, and is a son of Lorenzo C. and Esther (Pletcher) Clevenger. The mother was born in Morgan county, this state, and was a daughter of the late Eli Pletcher, who passed the closing years of his long and useful life in Morrow county, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years. The mother of the subject of this review died March 31, 1896. When Ellsworth W. Clevenger was two years of age his mother and her parents came from Morgan county to Morrow county and located on a farm one mile and a half

northwest of the village of Edison, in Canaan township, where he was reared to maturity and where his honored grandparents passed the residue of their lives. He was afforded the advantages of the public schools until he was twenty-one years of age. Soon after attaining to his legal majority Mr. Clevenger became associated with his mother in the purchase of a farm of twenty acres, located a half a mile north of the village of Denmark, this county, and he had the supervision of the same for the ensuing six years, at the expiration of which the property was sold and he removed to his present farm, upon which he has made good improvements, the while everything about the place is kept in good repair and excellent order, indicating the thrift and enterprise of the owner. The place is devoted to diversified agriculture and stock-growing, and is one which is constantly increasing in value, as are other farms in this favored section of the old Buckeye state. Mr. Clevenger gives his support to those projects and measures that tend to conserve the general welfare of the community along both material and social lines and he is at the present time school director of his district. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party, and he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Denmark, Lodge No. 760. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

On the 27th of December, 1894, Mr. Clevenger took unto himself a wife, Miss Lola C. Apt, who has proved a devoted companion and helpmeet. She was born in Canaan township on the 2d of February, 1877, and is a daughter of Jacob Y. Apt, who was a prosperous farmer of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Clevenger have four children, as follows: Alta L., Gladys M., Harold J., and Charles E. The eldest daughter, Miss Alta, is a member of the class of 1913 in the high school at Edison, and the two children next younger are attending the school of their home district.

PERRY M. PIERCE.—A venerable and highly respected citizen of Morrow count, Perry M. Pierce, of South Bloomfield township, has long been identified with the advancement of the agricultural growth and prosperity of this part of the state and holds a noteworthy position among its substantial farmers. He is of pure English descent, the founder of the branch of the Pierce family to which he belongs having come with a brother across the Atlantic in the Mayflower, landing in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1620. His posterity are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, the name "Pierce" being known in many a town, county and state. Perry M. Pierce was born December 5, 1827, in South Bloomfield township, in the rude log cabin here erected by his father, Barnabas C. Pierce. His grandfather, Reverend Daniel Wildman Pierce, a Baptist minister, devoted his life to the ministry, holding pastorates in New York state. He married a Miss Wildman, who was of New England ancestry, her parents having been born and bred in Connecticut.



J. N. Pierce, Lois Amanda Pierce

Barnabas C. Pierce was born September 30, 1792, in Putnam county, New York, and was there reared. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and eight years later, in 1820, migrated with his family to Ohio, locating in South Blomfield township, in what was then Knox county, but is now included within the limits of Morrow county. He took up his residence on the farm of fifty acres which his wife inherited from her father, who had taken up five hundred acres of land from the government, and there carried on general farming until his death, at the age of eighty-six years. The maiden name of his wife was Nancy Wildman. She was born in Bristol, Connecticut, February 5, 1803, and died on the home farm in Morrow county, Ohio, at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Thomas J., born December 26, 1820, in South Bloomfield township; Mary, born May 12, 1823, died in childhood; Nathan W., born March 10, 1825; Perry M., the subject of this brief biographical sketch; Betsey J., born April 1, 1831; Daniel H., born August 1, 1837; and Columbus D., born November 1, 1839. During the Civil war Columbus D. Pierce, the youngest son, enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until receiving his honorable discharge at the close of the war.

A man of scholarly attainments, fitted for a professional career, Perry M. Pierce located after his marriage in Hartford, Ohio, where he studied and practiced medicine for a few years, after which he traveled extensively throughout the state. Locating then on the homestead of his father-in-law in Morrow county, he was extremely successful in his occupation of a general farmer and has here continued his residence until the present time. He is a great reader, keeping himself well informed on the current topics of the day, and is not only an interesting conversationalist but is said by his neighbors and friends to be one of the best orators in the county.

Mr. Pierce married, June 12, 1864, Lois Amanda Gano, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, April 10, 1845, a daughter of Elijah Gano, a life-long resident of this state. Elijah Gano married Chloe D. Stephens, who was born in Tompkins county, New York, and for four years thereafter lived on a farm in Perry township. He then moved with his family in 1848 to South Bloomfield township, locating on the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. Pierce, and there both he and his wife spent their remaining years. Mr. and Mrs. Gano became the parents of five children, as follows: Lois Amanda, born April 10, 1845; David, born February 27, 1848; Lorenzo Bruce, born November 30, 1850, died June 25, 1851; Ann Eliza, born November 4, 1853, died at age of fourteen; and Ora Z. T., born February 4, 1860.

Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce four children were born, namely: Ida died in infancy; Sumner, born May 18, 1867; Linneus, born August 17, 1869; and Clinton L., born December 23, 1871.

Educated in the district schools and at the Sparta High School, Sumner Pierce taught school twelve years, and having passed the civil service examination with an unusually high record of scholarship, secured a position in the United States post office service, and is now considered one of the most expert clerks of that department. Linneus Pierce, educated in the district schools, is now located on the home farm, which he manages with much success. Clinton L. attended the Sparta High School, and subsequently taught school ten years, and is now identified with various industries. Mr. Pierce is a member of the Lutheran church while Mrs. Pierce and the oldest son, Linnens, are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bloomfield.

WILLIAM H. COUNTERMAN.—An enterprising and practical agriculturist, William H. Counterman is prosperously engaged in his independent vocation in one of the pleasantest and most desirable sections of Westfield township, Morrow county. His farm is finely located, and its fifty-two acres of rich and fertile land are in an excellent state of cultivation, bearing evidence of his thrift and good management. He is a systematic and thorough farmer, and from his father, who was a skilled mechanic, has inherited decided mechanical talent. Skillful in the use of tools of all kinds, he can turn his hand to good advantage in many directions, being a good blacksmith, and in addition to having a smithy has a well-furnished machine shop, in which he does a great deal of the necessary repairing of tools and machinery, saving not only much valuable time but large sums of money. A son of P. S. Counterman, he was born January 3, 1865, in Marion county, Ohio, but was brought up and educated in Morrow county.

P. S. Counterman came from Marion county, Ohio, to Morrow county with his family in 1873 and located very near Westfield, where he followed his trade of a mechanic. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Creglow, eight children were born, namely: One child, a daughter, died in infancy; Sarah J., wife of Levi Luke; Mary A., wife of Moses Slack; Mrs. Martha Lomos, of Toledo, Ohio; Ella, wife of Jerry Claypool; William H., the special subject of this personal notice; James, a resident of Westfield township, married Clara Foust; and Ida, wife of Charles Foust, of this township.

Coming with his parents to Morrow county when a small lad, William H. Counterman attended school until twenty years of age, obtaining a good education. Under his father's instruction he became proficient in the use of tools and is a veritable genius, in his shop doing all kinds of iron work and wood work, as mentioned above. When ready to settle in life he bought land in Westfield township, and as a general farmer has found both pleasure and profit.

Mr. Counterman married, February 18, 1893, Orra Worline,

who was born in Marion county, Ohio, September 5, 1844, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Whisler) Worline. When she was a girl her parents moved to Delaware county, Ohio, from there coming to Morrow county and locating in Westfield township, where she was brought up in the same neighborhood as Mr. Counterman, who wooed and won her for his bride. Mr. and Mrs. Counterman are genial, affable people, living honorable, upright lives, attending to their own affairs, and are highly respected throughout the community. They are generous and hospitable, in love with life and its reasonable pleasures, and in order that they may see as much as possible of the country roundabout have purchased a fine Brush automobile, in which during the summer seasons they take many an enjoyable trip.

Politically Mr. Counterman votes the Democratic ticket, but he takes no active part in public affairs. Fraternally he is a member of Ashley Lodge, No. 421, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. and Mrs. Counterman have by their industry and frugality accumulated all this property. They began by the week and month wage, saved their wages and purchased their present farm, which is known as "Ingleside" and located on the old Delaware and Mansfield pike, four and one-half miles from Cardington and three and one-half miles from Ashley, Ohio.

JOSEPH MCFARLAND, M. D.—The state of Ohio, with its extensive industrial interests, has attracted within its confines men of marked ability and high character in the various professional lines, and in this way progress has been conserved and social stability fostered. He whose name initiates this review is a native son of the fine old Buckeye state and during fully half a century's connection with the medical profession in Blooming Grove, Ohio, he has gained recognition as one of the able and successful physicians of the state. By his labors, his high professional attainments and his sterling qualities he has justified the respect and confidence in which he is held by the medical fraternity and the local public. It is interesting to note here that Dr. McFarland has not confined his attention to the material welfare of humanity but has also given considerable thought to their spiritual well being. He was ordained as a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church in 1859 and has been a licensed elder in the church since 1870.

Dr. Joseph McFarland was born in Richland county, Ohio on the 29th of August, 1827, and is the eldest child of John and Sarah (Schlosser) McFarland. He traces his ancestry back to staunch English extraction, his great-grandfather, William McFarland, having come to America as a soldier in the English army to fight in the French and Indian war, prior to the war of the Revolution. The next in line of direct descent to the Doctor was Robert McFarland who was the father of John McFarland, whose son is the immediate subject of this review. John McFarland was born in the state

of Virginia, whence he came to Ohio in the year 1825, first locating in Mansfield, Richland county, but later establishing his home in Washington township, that county. He was married in June, 1826, and he and his wife raised a family of nine children, of whom six are now living. He continued to maintain his home in Richland county until 1868, in which year he removed to Morrow county, where he was summoned to the life eternal in the year 1896. The mother passed away in 1856.

To the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the home farm Dr. McFarland is indebted for his fine, robust constitution, which has weathered the storms of many years and which even to-day at the venerable age of eighty-three years, is alert and splendidly preserved. After completing the curriculum of the common schools of his native county he entered College Hill Academy, at Ellsworth, Ohio, in which he pursued his studies with unusual brilliancy for one year. Thereafter he was identified with the pedagogic profession for a number of years and in the meantime he conscientiously devoted all his leisure moments to the study of medicine. Eventually he was matriculated as a student in a medical school, and completed his professional education at the Homeopathical College at Cleveland, Ohio, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1852, duly receiving his well earned degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately after his graduation Dr. McFarland located at Blooming Grove, Morrow county, where he has been engaged in the active practice of medicine and surgery during the long intervening years to the present time, in 1911. This is an age of progress and the Doctor has kept abreast with the advances made in his profession and his contribution to the alleviation of human pain and suffering has been of most prominent order. About 1859 Dr. McFarland became interested in the Methodist ministry and after devoting considerable time to theological studies he was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal church in 1859. Since 1870 he has been a licensed elder in the church and it is interesting to note at this point that during his connection with the ministry he has performed as many as seventy-six marriages and has officiated at over three hundred funerals. The Doctor is also a fine musician possessing a wonderful voice of peenliar richness and purity of tone.

On the 26th of August, 1845, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. McFarland to Miss Samantha Norton, who was born February 7, 1821, in Trumbull county, Ohio. To this union were born five children, concerning whom the following brief data are here incorporated: Ermina Alcesta, became the wife of Thomas M. Cantwell, of Blooming Grove; Roderick N. resides in Los Angeles, California; Sarah S. wedded James Wilcox, of Lima, Ohio; Martha Eulalia is the wife of Zadok Beard, of Jackson county, Kansas, and Mary F. is the wife of F. E. Dille, of Olympia, Washington. Mrs. McFarland has ever been a good, true and

sweet companion and mother. She is a woman of most gracious personality and is deeply beloved by all who have come within the sphere of her gentle influence.

In politics Mr. McFarland has ever been aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the Prohibition party and though he has never manifested aught of desire for public office of any description he has ever been alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all measures advanced for the good of the community. He was commissioned major of the Fifty-sixth Battallion of Infantry O. V. M., of Morrow county, by Governor Todd September 25, 1863. He is affiliated with various professional and fraternal organizations of representative character and he and his family are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, as already intimated. He is a man of fine mentality, extensive information and broad human sympathy. The list of his personal friends is said to be coincident with that of his acquaintances and if his every kind act and charitable impulse were known and were entered in print they would cover many pages. Progressive and kindly in spirit the success which Dr. McFarland has attained is not of the ordinary kind. It is not to be reckoned in dollars and cents but in kind and generous deeds and thoughts.

JAMES H. KELLY.—Since 1903 has James H. Kelly been a resident of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, and his influence and strength of character have always wielded toward progressive lines and for the upbuilding of the county and state. His success in life is not attributable to any element of chance but to persistency of purpose and a strong determination to forge ahead.

Mr. Kelly is a native of Zanesville, Ohio, where his birth occurred on the 12th of November, 1867.. He is a son of Peter J. and Mary E. (O'Neal) Kelly, both of whom are now deceased. Peter J. Kelly was a merchant and he was a faithful and gallant soldier in the Civil war. Mr. Kelly was reared to adult age in Zanesville, in the public schools of which place he received his education, after which he entered upon a four years' apprenticeship at the machinist's trade in the office of the Mansfield Machine Works, at Mansfield, Ohio. Thereafter he was engaged as a machinist in different cities in Ohio, among them being the Bucyrus Shovel Company, at Bucyrus, Ohio, and the Carroll Foundry & Machine Works, in the same place, of which latter concern he was for a time superintendent. In 1903, as already noted, he located in Mount Gilead, where he began to operate the old butter-tub factory, which he equipped with modern facilities of the best order and which he has continued to run with considerable success to the present time, in 1911. In 1908 he established a plant for plumbing and electric and gas fitting in connection with his factory, the offices of the same being on North Main street. He owns a tract of valuable land on the site of the Short-Line railroad

and has other interests of broad scope and importance in Mount Gilead.

In the year 1894 Mr. Kelly married Miss Anna Linlon, of Bucyrus, Ohio, and they have one son, James L. Kelly, who was born on the 26th of October, 1896, and who is now enrolled as a pupil in the public schools of Mount Gilead. In religious matters Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are devout communicants of the Holy Trinity Catholic church, at Bucyrus, Ohio, and in the same have been prominent factors in connection with charitable matters..

By reason of his father's service in the Civil war Mr. Kelly holds membership in Lemuel H. Breese Camp, No. 64, Sons of Veterans, besides which he is also connected with other social and fraternal organizations of a local character. In his political convictions he is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and he takes a deep and sincere interest in all matters touching the civic life of the community. Among his friends he is highly esteemed for his sterling integrity of character and his genial disposition and he has ratified strong friendships by his deference for the opinions of others and his kindly consideration.

ELIJAH CONARD.—The memory of Elijah Conard, Chesterville's well-known wagon maker, will long remain green in the hearts of the many who knew and loved him. His quiet, industrious life was consecrated to the good, the true and the beautiful, and it is but natural that he should have won the abiding confidence and respect of the people in whose midst he lived and labored. His years were more than those allotted the majority of mankind, for he was born June 4, 1822, and died March 10, 1906, the mortal part of him being laid to rest in the Chesterville cemetery. Mr. Conard was the son of Edward and Mary (Bowman) Conard, both of whom were natives of Knox county, Ohio, their immediate forbears having been pioneers in that locality. There were seven children in the family, an enumeration of whom is as follows: Mary, Bowman, Samuel, Rhoda, Elizabeth, Raymond and Elijah. Elijah Conard's first marriage was to Mahala Simmons, and one son was born, Lewis N., and he wedded Miss Mary A. Potter, daughter of Joseph Potter, of Delaware county. Two children were born to this union—Bessie Luella and Don Lamerton. The second marriage was with Miss Nancy Stark, November 11, 1852, and she was the daughter of John and Cornelia (Wilcox) Stark, natives of Pennsylvania.

Shortly after their marriage, the young couple commenced life together at Homer, Ohio, where Mr. Conard engaged in work at his trade. Later they removed to Chesterville, which was to prove their permanent residence, Mr. Conard here conducting a wagon shop for the rest of his life. He was a good workman, careful and conscientious and was a careful repairer. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Conard was blessed by the birth of four children, the youngest

of whom—Martha Luella—died at the age of seven years. The others are Henry, Charleton, Cornelia and Rozilia. The only son married Mary E. Ralston, of Knox county, and their present residence is at McBain, Michigan. Their seven children are as follows: Nancy L., John R. (deceased), George (deceased), Cora, Henry, Helen G. and Virginia.

Mr. Conard was generally recognized as a useful citizen, a good man and a kind neighbor. His widow still remains in their pleasantly situated Chesterville home. She is tenderly cared for by her dutiful daughter, Cornelia, whose presence and thoughtful attention comfort her mother in the evening of life. Mother Conard is an interesting woman with a remarkable memory and although now in her ninetieth year she takes great pleasure in repeating by the hour beautiful favorite poems pertaining to Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania, the home of her childhood. One of the best loved of these is the following:

“How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood;
What fond recollections their memories recall.
The days, happy days, I spent in thy wildwood,
Watching in springtime the cataract’s fall.

“Their memories I treasure, it still gives me pleasure
To think of those moments of sweet long ago,
When from the proud summits and loftiest limit
I gazed on thy beauty and glory below.

“Enchanted I sat in the shade of thy bower,
Inhaling the sweet-scented breeze from the hills,
Made sweet with the breath of the wild, fragrant flowers,
Swelled with the sound of the murmuring rills.

“Forget them I’ll never; my heart’s longing ever
To visit once more the historical ground;
And roam in the wildwood, as oft in my childhood,
And view from thy hillside thy diamond dust mound
Oh lovely Wyoming, oh fairest Wyoming,
My joy and my home.”

Like her beloved husband, Mrs. Conard is esteemed by neighbors and friends among whom she has passed a long and useful life. She can look back with particular satisfaction over the fact that she and her husband always endeavored to implant in the minds of their children a desire for true and honest citizenship. Mr. Conard was a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church and his venerable widow and daughter Cornelia are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES C. YOUNG.—The estimable citizen whose name forms the caption for this article is most successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Perry township, Morrow county, Ohio. Mr. Young has been identified with various lines of enterprise during his eventful career and in all of them has proved his mettle as a man of worth and ability. From his thrifty German ancestors he inherits that stern sense of duty and conscientious industry which have ever characterized natives of the old Fatherland.

Charles C. Young was born in Johnsville, Morrow county, Ohio, the date of his nativity being the 30th of January, 1864, and he is a son of Caspar and Louisa (Lieb) Young, both of whom were born and reared in the great Empire of Germany, whence they immigrated to America about the year 1857. They made the uneventful but wearying trip across the Atlantic in the same sail-boat, and during the eighty-two days consumed by the journey their friendship waxed strong and gradually grew into love. After disembarking at New York city they proceeded to Findley, Hancock county, Ohio, where was solemnized their marriage and where they maintained their home for a number of years. He served as deputy sheriff of Hancock county, but he was a harness maker by trade and was engaged in that line of work during practically his entire lifetime. Subsequently removal was made to Morrow county, where Casper Young became a man of influence in public affairs. In 1861 the family home was established in Johnsville, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life. At the time of the inception of the Civil war he gave evidence of his intrinsic loyalty and patriotism to the cause of his adopted country by tendering his services as a soldier in the Union army. He enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he won renown as a faithful and gallant soldier. After serving for some time with his company and regiment he joined Company F, One Hundred and Seventy-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained one year. To Mr. and Mrs. Casper Young were born thirteen children, eight of whom are living in 1911, namely: August E. and George, both of Mount Gilcad; Sophia, who is the wife of James Pinyard, of Mount Gilcad; Charles C., the immediate subject of this review; Anna, who is the wife of George Fullhart, of Geneva, Ohio; Frank, who resides at Montpelier, Indiana; Sarah, who married Fred Renshaw and who now maintains her home in California; and William, of Los Angeles, California. The children who are deceased are: Joseph, Eliza, Mary, Maggie and Elmore. The father of the above children was summoned to the life eternal November 1, 1890, and the mother is a resident of Los Angeles, California, aged seventy-five years.

After completing the curriculum of the common schools of Johnsville Charles C. Young entered upon an apprenticeship at the harness maker's trade under the able preceptorship of his

father, and for nineteen years he devoted his entire time and attention to the work of that line of enterprise. Subsequently he worked at his trade in Galion, Ohio, for a period of two years, at the expiration of which he directed his energies to the transfer business at Galion. In 1906 he returned to Johnsville, where he was employed on a farm for some three years. In 1909 he rented the Jesse Stilwell farm in Perry township, Morrow county, on which he has continued to reside to the present time. He has proved eminently successful as a farmer and his finely equipped estate, with its splendid buildings and well cultivated fields, show that he possesses considerable ability as an agriculturist and stock-raiser.

On the 20th of June, 1890, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Young to Miss Laura B. Walters, who was reared and educated in Richland county, Ohio, the date of her birth being the 22nd of September, 1870. To this union have been born four daughters: Ima, who was graduated in the Johnsville High School and who is now the wife of Edward Shier, of Morrow county; and Mary, Bertha and Maggie, all of whom remain at the parental home. In their religious adherency the Young family are devout and zealous members of the United Brethren church, in the various departments of whose work they have long been active factors. They are popular and prominent in connection with the best social activities of the community and their home is widely renowned as a center of genial and most gracious hospitality.

In his political convictions Mr. Young is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and while he has never been ambitious for the honors or emoluments of public office he was at one time prevailed upon to serve as justice of the peace of Morrow county, in discharging the duties of which important office he acquitted himself most creditably. He is a man of decided worth and undoubted integrity and as such commands the unalloyed confidence and high regard of his fellow citizens. In the various enterprises with which he has been connected his conduct has ever been faultless and he is recognized as a true friend and strictly reliable business man.

SAMUEL R. WORDEN.—It is gratifying to note in the personnel of the representative agriculturists of Morrow county so large a number of the native sons of the county have had the judgment and appreciation to maintain a stanch allegiance to their "native heath" and have here found ample opportunity for effective and profitable effort along normal lines of industrial and business enterprise. Such a one is Mr. Worden, who is one of the substantial farmers and stock-growers of Canaan township, where his home is the same residence in which he was born, and he is not only held in high esteem in the community where he is best known but he has also been an influential factor in public affairs in his native county and stands exemplar of the highest civic loyalty and progressiveness.

Samuel R. Worden was born on the farm which he now occupies, in section 28, Canaan township, on the 4th of September, 1856, and is a son of Richard and Lucinda (Schooly) Worden, the former of whom was born in Seneca county, New York, on the 29th of April, 1822, and the latter of whom was born in Belmont county, Ohio, in 1824. Their marriage was solemnized about the year 1844. As a child Richard Worden was virtually adopted by Alexander Purvis, with whose family he came to Ohio when a lad of six years. Mr. Purvis established his home in Morrow county and there Richard Worden was reared to maturity under the discipline of the farm, in the meanwhile attending at intervals the pioneer schools of the locality. He continued to be associated with his foster-father in the work of the home farm until he married and initiated his independent career. Soon after his marriage he and his young wife established themselves upon a farm in Cardington township, Morrow county, and in the following year, 1845, they removed to Canaan township and settled upon part of the farm now owned by their son Samuel R., of this review. Here Richard Worden reclaimed his land to effective cultivation and developed a valuable farm, the place having been but slightly improved at the time when it came into his possession. He continued to reside on this homestead until his death, at the age of seventy-four years, and his cherished and devoted wife was summoned to eternal rest at the age of seventy-seven years and six months, both having held at all times the high regard of all who knew them. Of their large family of children two sons and four daughters are still living and the subject of this sketch was the fifth in order of birth of the nine children.

Like the average youth of the locality and period, Samuel R. Worden gained his early experiences in connection with the manifold duties pertaining to the work of the home farm, the while he duly availed himself of the advantages of the district schools, where he laid the foundation for the broad and practical knowledge which he has since gained through self-discipline and through active association with men and affairs. He was long associated with his honored father in the work and management of the farm on which he was born and a portion of which he now owns and operates. His homestead comprises one hundred acres of most arable land and to the original improvements on the same he has made many additions, bringing it up to the best modern standard. He has rented his farm to his son Carl and he and his wife will locate in Marion, Ohio, where he has property. He has shown mature judgment and discrimination in the various departments of his farm industry and is one of the essentially representative agriculturists and stock-growers of his native county, throughout which he is well known and held in unequivocal esteem.

In politics Mr. Worden has ever been found arrayed as a stalwart in the ranks of the Republican party, and he has taken an

active part in its local work. He has been zealous in supporting such enterprises and measures as have conserved the advancement and general prosperity of the community and he served five years as treasurer of Canaan township. He is affiliated with Denmark Lodge, No. 760, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the village of Denmark, which is three-fourths of a mile distant from his home, and of this lodge he is not only past noble grand but has also represented the same in the Grand Lodge of the Order in the state. Mrs. Worden was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Denmark, Ohio.

On September 24, 1879, Mr. Worden married Miss Olive P. Bratton, who, like himself, was born and reared in the old Buckeye state and who was a resident of Canaan township at the time of her marriage. She was born in Marion county, on the 12th of December, 1859, and was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Morrow county.. She was summoned to the life eternal on the 26th of April, 1903, and is survived by one son, Carl C., who was born on the 27th of February, 1883, and who is now one of the popular and prosperous young agriculturists of Canaan township. He married Loretta M. Sycks, and they have one child, Paul C. On the 1st of January, 1906, Samuel R. Worden contracted a second marriage, being then united to Mrs. Alice (Miller) Gillson, widow of Charles Gillson, of Morrow county. She was born in Marion county, and is a daughter of the late Obediah Miller, who was a representative citizen of Marion at the time of his death.

Mr. Worden has shown a vital interest in the exploiting of the fine agricultural resources of his native county and in his operations has had recourse to the most modern and most scientific methods, as well as the best facilities in the line of farm machinery and implements. He has been active in the affairs of the Morrow County Agricultural Society and is a member of its directorate.

SAMUEL T. POLAND.—An essentially loyal and public-spirited citizen of Congress township, Morrow county, Ohio, is Samuel T. Poland, who has filled with utmost efficiency many important offices of public trust and responsibility in this section. Mr. Poland was born on the 30th of April, 1842, a son of Samuel and Mary (Truex) Poland, both of whom are now deceased, the former having passed away in 1865, at the age of sixty-five years, and the latter, in 1864, at the age of fifty-four years. The father was a prominent farmer and was the first recorder of Morrow county, having been elected to that office in 1848 and serving therein for two terms. Mr. and Mrs. Poland became the parents of ten children, namely: David, Benjamin, William R., John C., Daniel, Joseph, Samuel T., Elizabeth (Mrs. Parsons), Mary C. (Mrs. Early) and George W. Of the above children all are deceased except John C., Samuel T. and George W.

As a youth Samuel T. Poland attended the district schools of

this county and he early began to assist his father in the work and management of the home farm. When seventeen years of age he entered upon an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade, serving for a period of three years and becoming a most skilled workman. During the war he was an ardent Union sympathizer and in May, 1864, he enlisted as a private in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for one hundred days, at the expiration of which he reenlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He saw much active service in the war; was under General Thomas at Nashville and later joined Sherman at Goldsboro, North Carolina, being under that renowned general at the surrender of General Johnston. He participated in many important conflicts marking the progress of the war, including the battle of Murfreesboro, Nashville, the battle of the Cedars, the evacuation of Decatur, Alabama, Wise Forks, North Carolina and others. He received his honorable discharge in August, 1865, and was mustered out of service at Charlotte, North Carolina. After the close of his brilliant military career Mr. Poland returned to Morrow county, where he initiated his active business life as a grocer in the town of Mount Gilead, his partner in business being D. G. Poland. He continued to be identified with that line of enterprise for the ensuing nine years and in 1876 he came to the farm owned by his father-in-law in Congress township, where he remained for two years. He then, in 1878, purchased a tract of one hundred and forty acres of most arable land at an administrator's sale, the same being located in Congress township. He engaged in diversified agriculture and the raising of high-grade stock and has continued to devote the major portion of his time and attention to agricultural pursuits during the long intervening years to the present time, in 1911. In 1908 he purchased an additional tract of land, some eighty-seven and a half acres adjoining his homestead on the south. As a farmer Mr. Poland is thrifty and industrious and his splendid estate is finely improved, all the buildings being of the most modern type.

In politics Mr. Poland is aligned as a staunch supporter of the Republican party and he has been incumbent of many important offices in Morrow county. For nine years he was a school director and for eleven years he served as justice of the peace. In 1904 he was elected county commissioner, to which office he was re-elected in 1906, serving until 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Poland are highly esteemed citizens in their home county, where they are deeply admired and beloved for their sterling integrity of character and their sincere devotion to all matters tending to enhance progress and development. Mr. Poland has ever retained a deep interest in his old comrades in arms and signifies the same by membership in Hurd Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Mount Gilead.

In June, 1865, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Poland to

Miss Rachel J. Lyons, a daughter of Peter and Sophia (Bell) Lyons. She was born in this county on the 24th of January, 1840. Mr. and Mrs. Poland have two children: Sarah A., who is the wife of Charles B. Hull, of Edison; and William H., who married Miss Iva Long and who resides in Congress township. William H. has two sons: Samuel, who was born in 1905, and John, whose birth occurred in 1907.

ALBERT L. JEFFREY.—Widely and favorably known as a prosperous business man of Marengo, Albert L. Jeffrey is numbered among the citizens of good repute in Morrow county, where his life has thus far been spent. As proprietor of a saw mill and a lumber yard, he is carrying on a substantial and profitable business and is an important factor in the promotion of the industrial interests of this part of the state. A native of Morrow county, he was born September 14, 1866, in the village of Iberia, Washington township, being a son of F. M. and Adelaide (Myers) Jeffrey.

On leaving the district school, in which he gleaned his early education, Albert L. Jeffrey began work in his father's saw mill, remaining thus employed until attaining his majority. Starting then in life for himself, he was engaged in the hardwood business at Harmony township, Morrow county, until 1894, when he located in Marengo. Buying the Marengo Lumber Yard, he at once began to enlarge its business, and soon after added a saw mill to its equipments, also opening a handle factory, which he has since disposed of. In the management of his mill and yard, Mr. Jeffrey has met with satisfactory success, handling lumber and building materials of all kinds on an extensive scale.

On November 3, 1895, Mr. Jeffrey was united in marriage with Lillian Gordon, a daughter of G. W. Gordon, and their only child, Sylvia Jeffrey, is now a pupil in the Marengo High School. Although a staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Jeffrey has never been an aspirant for public office, his business demanding his time and attention.

THOMAS A. PATTEN.—A representative of one of the sterling pioneer families of Morrow county, Mr. Patten is here one of the effective exponents of the agricultural industry in this favored portion of the Buckeye state and he is the owner of a fine landed estate of one hundred and forty-four acres located in Gilead township, five miles northwest of Mount Gilead, the county seat, and three miles north of the thriving village of Edison. Well known in his native county, Mr. Patten is a citizen whose career has been marked by unflagging application and productive energy, the while his sterling attributes and genial personality have gained to him the confidence and good will of those with whom he has come in contact. As one of the representative citizens of Gilead township and as a citizen whose influence is given in the support of all

worthy objects conserving the general welfare, he is well entitled to recognition in this volume.

Thomas A. Patten was born in Canaan township, this county, on the 19th of June, 1861, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah (Coe) Patten, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter in Ohio. Joseph Patten was a boy of six years of age at the time when the family removed from the old Keystone state to Ohio. He was a son of Thomas Patten, who came to this state in 1826, making the overland journey with ox teams and wagons, by means of which he transported his family, household effects and a modest equipment of farming implements. In the year mentioned he established his home in Morrow county, which was then a part of Marion county, and located on a farm now owned by William Lepp, in Canaan township. This land was a forest wilderness at the time he secured the same from the government and his first arduous labors were directed toward making a clearing in the woods and erecting therein his primitive log cabin, which was the family home for many years. He reclaimed much of his land, which was a quarter section, to cultivation and continued to reside on this homestead until his death, as did also his noble and devoted wife. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom Joseph was the second in order of birth, and these children were reared to lives of usefulness and honor. The parents lived up to the full tension of the pioneer days and were earnest, sincere and God-fearing folk whose names merit a lasting place on the roster of those who assisted in laying the foundations for latter-day prosperity. Thomas Patten, the elder, was a very strong man physically as well as morally and his children were strong and active. Shortly after settling here in the woods he found that he needed a heavier log chain and he went to Mount Vernon on foot and, purchasing the iron, carried it back to Mount Gilead on his shoulder, a substantial chain being made therefrom. His wife, who was also a very strong and determined woman, once killed a deer with a chopping ax. The deer had been crippled at some time and had come to the spring for a drink. The dog scented it and the deer went close to a large log to guard off the dog. Mrs. Patten stole up to the log and struck the deer's head over it, splitting it open. Mr. Patten still has one of the horns in his possession as a memento of his grandmother's prowess. His father, James Patten, used to ride an ox and carry to the mill, a long distance away, a sack of corn sufficient to supply the family with meal. Quite a difference now in the matter of accommodation!

Joseph Patten was reared to maturity amid the scenes and influences of the pioneer epoch in Morrow county and his youth gave to him ample experience in connection with the herculean work of developing a farm in the midst of the forest. He finally, however, determined to direct his efforts along other lines, and served an effective apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith, in

which he became a skilled artisan and to which he continued to devote his attention for fully forty years, during much of which time he was associated in partnership with the late Jonathan Masters, under the firm name of Patten & Masters. They conducted a large and representative business and had a well equipped shop in Mount Gilead. Their characters were as staunch as the vocation which they followed and they had a wide acquaintanceship in this section of the state, where both ever commanded secure place in popular confidence and esteem. Vigorous in mind and body, cheerful, optimistic and whole-souled, Joseph Patten was a man of influence in the community and his friends were equal in number to his acquaintances. He attained to the age of eighty-five and one-half years and his cherished and devoted wife was summoned to the life eternal at the age of seventy-three years. They became the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters, all of whom attained to years of maturity and two of whom are now living. The subject of this review is the younger, and his brother, J. R., is a representative citizen of Brown county, Kansas, where he is in business.

Thomas A. Patten was reared to manhood on the old homestead which his father owned in Canaan township and conducted in connection with his blacksmithing business, and he remained there until he became twenty-two years of age. The public schools of his native county afforded him his early educational advantages and he continued to attend the same at intervals until he had attained to the age of eighteen years. Virtually his entire active career has been one of close identification with agricultural pursuits, and through the same he has gained a definite and secure success, giving him place as one of the independent and substantial citizens of his native county, of whose manifold advantages and attractions he has ever been deeply appreciative and to whose interests he is signally loyal. His present fine farm is well improved with substantial buildings and is under a high state of cultivation. It is devoted to diversified agriculture and the raising of excellent grades of live stock and the thrift and good management of the owner are in evidence on every side. He has been the owner of this farm since 1902 and the same was formerly owned by Jonathan Masters, his father's old and valued partner in the blacksmith business.

In politics, though never ambitious for official preferment, Mr. Patten is found arrayed as a staunch supporter of the principles and policies of the Democratic party and in local affairs of a public order he gives his support to all measures and enterprises tending to advance the general welfare of the community. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Boundary, and he is a valued member of Denmark Lodge, No. 760, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past noble grand. He has belonged to the foregoing organization for twenty years.

On the 17th of May, 1883, Mr. Patten was united in marriage to Miss Eda Haun, who was born in Canaan township, this county, on the 19th of January, 1862, and who is a daughter of the late Noah Haun, an honored citizen and prosperous farmer of Canaan township. Sylvester P., the elder of the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Patten, was born on the 27th of November, 1866, and was educated in the public schools of the county. He is one of the successful young agriculturists of Gilead township and is a young man of sterling character and exceptionally industrious habits. He married Miss Mary Clouse and they have one child, Francis A., who was born on the 26th of August, 1909. Pansy, the younger of the two children of the subject of this review, was born on the 9th of August, 1892, and was afforded excellent educational advantages. She remains at the parental home and is one of the popular factors in the social activities of her home community.

JESSE B. CULVER.—Prominent among the leading citizens of Morrow county is Jesse B. Culver, who owns and occupies one of the most desirable homesteads in Bennington township. It comprises two hundred and seventy-five acres of fertile land under excellent cultivation, and with its comfortable and convenient set of buildings is very attractive, indicating to what good purpose the proprietor has employed his time and means. Here his entire life has been passed, his birth having occurred on this farm July 15, 1846. He is descended from a New England family of stability and worth, his father, William Culver, having been born in New Haven, Connecticut.

Left fatherless when but two years old, William Culver remained at home until sixteen years of age, when he was seized with the wander lust, and traveled through a large part of the southern portion of the United States. Returning from the Southland, he passed through what is now Morrow county, Ohio, making the entire journey on foot and becoming well acquainted with the country. While in the South, at a hotel in Big Springs, Alabama, he was robbed by his landlord of the four hundred and fifty dollars money that he had, but friendly Indians subsequently recovered his money for him, returning it intact. In 1822 he again visited Morrow county, with which he had been so pleased when passing through, and here entered eighty-four and one-half acres of land from the government. Erecting a log cabin in the midst of the wilderness, he began the task of clearing a farm, and on the homestead which he improved spent the remainder of his days, dying at a venerable age, in 1881. He was a successful farmer and trader, and also loaned money. After the formation of the Republican party, he was one of its strongest supporters, and as a public-spirited and able man was held in high esteem. He married, in what was then Delaware county, Ohio, but is now Morrow county, Elizabeth Bennett, who was born in Orange county, New York, and



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came with her parents to Ohio when a girl. Of their family of five boys and four girls, but two children are now, in 1911, living, namely: Jesse B., with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned, and Mrs. Sarah M. Chase, of Marengo. The mother survived her husband about four years, passing away in 1885.

Brought up on the home farm, Jesse B. Culver attended the public schools quite regularly until fifteen years old, when he began assisting his father in the management of the homestead property. He subsequently commenced buying and selling stock, building up a thriving business as a trader and continuing it until 1908, when he retired from active pursuits, being forced to do so on account of ill health. Mr. Culver has since lived retired from active business, his previous accumulations of money enabling him now to enjoy a well-deserved leisure. He has other interests, however, being one of the stockholders of the Marengo Banking Company. He has been influential in agricultural matters, and for fifteen years was one of the directors of the Morrow County Fair.

Mr. Culver married, September 17, 1878, Nettie Boner, who was born March 6, 1855, in Utica, Licking county, Ohio, and was there reared and educated, attending the common and the Union schools. She subsequently taught school several terms before her marriage, for a time teaching in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county. Their only child, Daisy, born March 16, 1880, is now the wife of A. E. Osborn, of Bennington township.

Mr. Culver is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Bloomfield, which he has served as trustee, and he is now treasurer of the Bloomfield Cemetery Association. He is prominently identified with the Republican party, and has never shirked the responsibilities of public office. He has filled various township offices, serving as county commissioner for six years and nine months, from early in 1892 until the latter part of 1898, and at the present time is justice of the peace. Fraternally Mr. Culver is a member of Chester Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons; of Sparta Lodge, No. 268, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand; and of Marengo Lodge, No. 216, Knights of Pythias.

WILLIAM TAYLOR.—The substantial and well-to-do citizens of Marengo have no more worthy representative than William Taylor, who has accomplished a satisfactory work as an agriculturist and is now living retired from the active cares of business, having by industry and thrift accumulated a competency. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born May 28, 1844, in Washington county, a son of David C. and Margaret (Phillips) Taylor.

Moving with his family from Pennsylvania to Ohio, David C. Taylor lived for a short time in Columbiana county, where he followed his trade of a miller. Subsequently locating in Morrow county, he purchased land and was afterward for many years en-

gaged in tilling the soil. He spent the closing days of his long and useful life in Sparta, Ohio, passing away at the venerable age of eighty-four years and ten months. His wife preceded him to the life beyond, passing away December 13, 1866. They were true Christian people and faithful members of the Chester Baptist church. Seven children blessed their union, as follows: Robert, William, David, Benjamin, Albert, Nancy A., wife of John A. Showalter, and Mary, who died unmarried.

The second child in order of birth of the parental household, Wiliam Taylor, obtained a limited education in the district schools, and on the home farm was well drilled in agricultural pursuits. In May, 1863, his patriotic ardor being aroused, he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned for duty at Fort Williams. At the expiration of his term of enlistment, Mr. Taylor veteranized, enlisting, September 14, 1864, in the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he was connected until the close of the war. On December 7, 1864, at the second battle of Stone river, he was severely wounded, and was granted a furlough of thirty days, after which he rejoined his regiment. Mr. Taylor is now a member of Hurd Post, No. 114, G. A. R., of Mount Gilead, and for three years was a member and the commander of Creighton Orr Post, No. 501, G. A. R., of Sparta, Ohio.

Receiving his honorable discharge from the army in 1865, Mr. Taylor returned to the home farm in Chester township, Morrow county, and continued a tiller of the soil for three years. In October, 1868, lured westward, he went to De Kalb county, Missouri, where he resided for upwards of twenty years. Returning to Morrow county in 1890, Mr. Taylor located in Chester township, and was there engaged in general farming and stock raising for a number of years, having a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres, which he still owns. In November, 1902, he removed to his present home in Marengo, and has since enjoyed a well-earned leisure from business cares.

Mr. Taylor has been twice married. He married first, October 3, 1871, in Missouri, Martha E. Taylor, a native of that state. She died on the home farm in De Kalb county, Missouri, January 13, 1889, leaving three children, namely: Harry E., born August 1, 1874, married Cora E. Stumph, of Chester township; Maggie, born November 19, 1875, died July 22, 1901, and John C., born May 8, 1877, married Florence Salisbury. Mr. Taylor married for his second wife, Angeline Bradfield, who was born in South Bloomfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, May 10, 1845, a daughter of David and Mary E. (Jemison) Bradfield. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Sparta, and are active workers in that denomination. Politically identified with the Republican party, Mr. Taylor has taken an active part in local affairs, and has served as trustee of the townships in which he has resided.

GEORGE F. MASTERS.—This well known citizen and representative agriculturist and stock-grower of Morrow county is a scion of the third generation of the Masters family in this county, with whose annals the name has been identified since the pioneer epoch in its history. The representatives of this family have contributed materially to the industrial and civic upbuilding of this favored section of the state and have ever stood exemplar of the most loyal citizenship and of inflexible rectitude in all the relations of life. He whose name initiates this paragraph is well upholding the prestige of the honored name which he bears and he resides upon his splendid homestead farm of one hundred and thirty-eight and one-half acres, in Canaan township, where in addition to general farming and stock-growing he gives special attention to the breeding of high-grade Merino sheep, in which line of enterprise his reputation, based upon distinctive success, far transcends local limitations.

George F. Masters was born in Canaan township, Morrow county, on the 13th of January, 1856, and is a son of Jonathan and Ruth (Ewers) Masters, the former of whom was born in Knox county, Ohio, on the 27th of April, 1823, and the latter of whom was born in Virginia in 1823. The father died on his farm in Gilead township on the 29th of April, 1900, and the mother passed away on the 22nd of March, 1871, aged forty-eight years, three months and twenty-five days. Jonathan Masters was twice married and the maiden name of his second wife was Evaline Roland. Five children were born of each marriage, and of the number four sons and four daughters survive.

Jonathan Masters was a son of Robert Masters and the maiden name of his mother was Boyle. His father was born in 1790, and died in Canaan township, Morrow county, Ohio, in 1834. Robert Masters was one of the sterling pioneers of this county, where he instituted the reclamation of a farm from the wilderness, though he did not live many years after his removal to the county. The names of his children are here given: Ezekiel, Elizabeth, William, Jonathan, James, Triphena, Susan, Hannah, Cassie A. and Robert. All of the number are now deceased except Hannah, Cassie and Robert.

Jonathan Masters was a child at the time of the family removal from Knox county to Morrow county, and he was reared to maturity in Canaan township. He received such limited educational advantages as were afforded in the pioneer schools and as a youth he learned the blacksmith's trade, to which he continued to devote his attention for a period of fully eighteen years. When he initiated his independent career his worldly possessions were summed up in what few necessary articles he could carry in a large and knotted handkerchief, and the timber of the man is clearly shown when it is stated that through his own efforts he accumulated a fortune of more than fifty thousand dollars. He had great shrewdness and

business capacity and his investments were invariably made with perspicacity and good judgment, so that he made of success not an accident but a logical result. His course was guided by the strictest principles of integrity and honor and he wronged no man. On the contrary he was generous and kindly and his genial personality gained to him friends in all classes. He gave his support to the cause of the Republican party from the time of its organization until his death and was well fortified in his opinions as to matters of public import, keeping himself well informed concerning the questions and issues of the hour. He was a zealous member of what is known as the Boundary Methodist Episcopal church in Gilead township, and his life was one of signal usefulness and honor. His name merits an enduring place on the roll of the worthy pioneers of Morrow county, where he so long lived and labored to goodly ends.

George F. Masters was but two months old at the time of the family removal from Canaan township to Gilead township, where he was reared to adult age on the homestead farm—a place that is now owned by Thomas A. Patten. The district schools afforded him due opportunities for gaining a good practical education of basic order, and this he has effectively supplemented through self discipline and through the varied experiences of an active and successful life. Upon attaining to his legal majority he located on the farm which now constitutes his home and the greater portion of which was given to him by his honored father. This is one of the fine landed estates of Canaan township and its improvements are of the best order, including a large and attractive residence equipped with modern facilities. Mr. Masters is known as one of the enterprising, progressive and resourceful agriculturists of his native county, and as previously stated, he has made a specialty of the raising of fine Merino sheep, being one of the leading breeders of the same in this section of the state and having registered stock entirely. He became one of the influential members of the Ohio Merino Sheep Register Association, and is still an influential factor in the amplified organization, which is known as the Vermont, New York & Ohio Merino Sheep Register Association, of which he was a director and a member of its pedigree committee. Though never a seeker of political preferment Mr. Masters accords a staunch allegiance to the Republican party and his influence and cooperation are given in support of all undertakings that tend to benefit the local community, as well as the state and nation. Mrs. Masters is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church in the neighboring village of Denmark.

On the 13th of February, 1878, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Masters to Miss Florence E. Adams, who was born in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 5th of February, 1860, and who is a daughter of John and Lavina (Miles) Adams. Her parents removed to Morrow county from Marion county and her father died July 11,

1892. Her mother is still living in Canaan township. Mr. and Mrs. Masters have two children: Autha, who was born November 30, 1880, and who is now the wife of Benjamin H. Talmage, a representative young farmer of Canaan township; and J. Wesley, who was born May 18, 1892, and who was graduated in the Mount Gilead High School as a member of the class of 1911.

WILLIAM E. AUKER.—Among the essentially representative business men of Johnsville, Morrow county, Ohio, William E. Auker holds prestige as a man of considerable ability and as a citizen whose loyalty and public spirit have ever been of the most insistent order. He has been identified with various lines of enterprise during his active career and since 1909 he has been eminently successful in the management of his finely equipped hardware store at Johnsville, the same being one of the best of its kind in this section of the county.

A native son of Perry county, Ohio, William E. Auker was born on the 1st of February, 1862, and he is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Walker) Auker, both of whom claimed Ohio as the place of their birth. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Auker became the parents of six children, of whom the subject of this review was the fifth in order of birth. The father was identified with farming during the major portion of his life time and he passed to eternal rest in 1896, his cherished and devoted wife having died in 1867. William E. Auker was a child of but five years of age at the time of his mother's death and at that time he was placed in the family of William Richels, where he was reared to the age of fourteen years. His preliminary educational training consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools of Perry county and when fourteen years old Mr. Auker left the Richel home and began to work as a farm hand. He continued to be engaged for the ensuing five years and when nineteen years of age he established his home in Lincoln township, Morrow county, where he worked for different parties for a number of years. After his marriage, in 1888, he located on a farm in Lincoln township, which he rented for a time. Subsequently he went to Wood county, Ohio, locating near Bowling Green, working in the oil fields for a period of nine years, during the latter two years of which he was foreman in the fields. Later he was foreman of the Hartley Lumber Company for two years. In 1905, however, he decided to go into business for himself and accordingly he went to Chesterville, in the vicinity of which place he farmed for five years. He then, in November, 1909, purchased a hardware store at Johnsville, which he has conducted with noteworthy success to the present time.

In December, 1888, Mr. Auker was united in marriage to Miss Stella Burns, who was born and reared in Chesterville, Ohio, and who is a daughter of Ross and Ann (Shaw) Burns, both of whom still maintain their home at Chesterville. Mrs. Auker was

educated in the common schools of Chesterville and she is a woman of rare charm and most gracious personality. In her religious faith she upholds the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal church. To this union have been born three sons, namely: Charles, educated in the common and high school at Bradner, Ohio, married Miss Ola Bosti and, they live at Johnsville, Ohio; Frank and Hubert remain at the parental home, both being associated with their father in the hardware business.

Mr. Auker is a man of prominence and influence in this part of Morrow county, where he holds a secure vantage ground in popular confidence and esteem. He is affiliated with Chesterville Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons, Bradner Lodge, No. 676, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the latter of which he is past grand master. Politically he accords a stalwart allegiance to the principles and policies promulgated by the Republican party and although he has never manifested aught of ambition for the honors of public office, he is ever ready to give his aid in support of all worthy measures projected for the good of the general welfare. He is the owner of a beautiful home in Johnsville and his business is in a most flourishing condition. As an upright, honest, affable citizen he is popular with all classes of people and he is decidedly worthy of the unqualified regard accorded him by his fellow men.

JOHN M. MOORE.—If those who claim that fortune has favored certain individuals above others, will but investigate the cause of success and failure, it will be found that the former is largely due to the improvement of opportunity, the latter to the neglect of it. Fortunate environments encompass nearly every man at some stage of his career, but the strong man and the successful man is he who realizes that the proper moment has come, that the present and not the future holds his opportunity. The man who makes use of the Now and not the To Be is the one who passes on the highway of life others who started out ahead of him, and reaches the goal of prosperity in advance of them. It is this quality in John M. Moore that made him a leader in the business world at Chesterville, Ohio, where he was long a popular and prominent factor in the general merchandise business and where he is now living virtually retired from active affairs. He is a fine old veteran of the Civil war and is widely renowned as one of the most admirable citizens in Morrow county.

John M. Moore was born on Duncan's Island, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of February, 1837, and he is a son of James R. and Priscilla (Martin) Moore, both of whom were born and reared in the old Keystone state of the Union, whence they immigrated to the commonwealth of Ohio about the year 1846. Settlement was made by the Moore family on a farm of some one hundred and sixty acres, eligibly located four miles west of Chesterville, in Mor-

row county. James R. Moore traced his ancestry back to stanch Scotch extraction and his wife was of Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were the parents of six children—three sons and three daughters—and of the number the subject of this review was the second in order of birth. The names of the above children are here entered in respective order of birth: James A., John M., Jane E., Rebecca M., Perry M. and Margaret E. Both the father and mother were summoned to the life eternal in the year 1885.

Under the invigorating influences of the old homestead farm John M. Moore was reared to adult age and his early educational discipline consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the neighboring district schools. Subsequently he was a student in the high school at Chesterville and during his high school course was engaged as a clerk in the general merchandise store of W. F. Bartlett, assisting him after school hours and on Saturdays. He proved so capable and willing a clerk that he was retained as such for a period of seven years. In the meantime the dark cloud of Civil war had cast its pall over the national horizon and in response to the first call for troops, Mr. Moore left his work and enlisted immediately as a soldier in the Union army. He was the second man in Morrow county to sign the muster roll and he became a member of Company B, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain Banning, of Mount Vernon. With his comrades Mr. Moore was stationed at Camp Dennison and after his first term of enlistment expired he returned home and raised a company at Chesterville, the same becoming known as Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This company was commanded by Captain Meredith with James McCracken as first lieutenant and John M. Moore as second lieutenant. Mr. Moore with his regiment participated in a number of the most important engagements marking the progress of the war and in every possible respect he proved himself a faithful and gallant soldier.

After the close of the war and when peace had again been established throughout the country John M. Moore returned to Chesterville, Ohio, where he again entered the employ of Mr. W. F. Bartlett. Later he launched out into the general merchandise business on his own account at Lima, Ohio. In 1867 he purchased a general store at Upper Sandusky, remaining there for a period of seven years. After his marriage, in 1868, he entered into a partnership with his father-in-law and former employer, Mr. Bartlett, to conduct a mercantile establishment at Chesterville. This concern was known as the Bartlett & Moore General Merchandise Business and a very extensive and successful business was controlled for the ensuing seventeen years. Mr. Moore gained recognition as a business man of fair and honorable methods and as a citizen he is essentially loyal and public spirited.

On the 1st of September, 1868, was solemnized the marriage of

Mr. Moore to Miss Margaret E. Bartlett, a daughter of W. F. Bartlett, Mr. Moore's former employer, who used to remark that "John served faithfully seven years for his wife." The maiden name of Mrs. Moore's mother was Sarah P. Shurr. The Bartlett family consisted of six children, two of whom died in infancy. The names of the others are: H. Murray, Margaret E., Flora M. and Mary B. Mr. and Mrs. Moore became the parents of three children: William Bartlett, James Thaddeus and Florence Belle. The above children attended and were graduated in the high school at Chesterville. William Bartlett married Miss Marie Dehn, of Toledo, and he is vice president of the Union Supply Company, of Toledo, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. William B. Moore are the parents of three children: Thaddeus J., John D. and George E. James T. Moore launched his boat on the commercial sea as a young boy, his first lucrative work having been that of selling papers on the streets of Chesterville. Later he obtained a position at Delaware, Ohio, where he became the proud possessor of a salary of three dollars a week and to-day he is sales manager for the Quaker City Rubber Company, of Philadelphia, he having charge of sixty-five salesmen in a territory extending from Philadelphia to the Gulf of Mexico. Florence Belle is the wife of John G. Swindeman, president and general manager of the Union Supply Company, of Toledo, Ohio. They have two children: Marjorie L. and John Moore.

In politics Mr. John M. Moore accords an uncompromising allegiance to the principles and policies promulgated by the Republican party, and while he has never participated actively in politics he is deeply and sincerely interested in community affairs, giving freely of his aid and influence in support of all measures and enterprises projected for the general good. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are honored members of the Presbyterian church of Chesterville, to whose good works they have contributed liberally of their time and means. In a fraternal way Mr. Moore is affiliated with Chester Lodge, No. 238, Free and Accepted Masons; with Mount Gilead Chapter, No. 59, Royal Arch Masons; and with Clinton Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templars. He retains a deep and abiding interest in his old comrades in arms and signifies the same by membership in Creighton Orr Post, No. 501, of the Grand Army of the Republic. Although he has reached the venerable age of seventy-four years he retains in much of their pristine vigor the splendid mental and physical qualities of his youth. He is possessed of a cheerful, genial disposition, is ever ready to lend a helping hand to those less favorably situated than himself and he and his good wife command the unqualified confidence and esteem of all who know them.

PERRY L. FOUST.—Prominent among the active and esteemed residents of Westfield township is Perry L. Foust, a successful agriculturist and land appraiser for the township. He is a native

and to the "manner born"; his birth having occurred in this part of Morrow county October 24, 1867. He is a son of Samuel Foust, Jr., and grandson of Samuel Foust, Sr., who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestors, and subsequently became one of the early pioneers of Morrow county, settling here when the country roundabout was in its pristine wildness.

Samuel Foust, Jr., was a life-long resident of Morrow county, his death occurring while he was yet in the prime of life, in 1881. His wife, whose maiden name was Jennie Fisk, was born near Nelsonville, Athens county, Ohio, and is now living in Ashley, Delaware county, Ohio. To her and her husband three children were born and reared, namely: Perry L., Harry L., of Ashley; and Claudia, wife of James Warline, of Ashley.

Brought up on the home farm, Perry L. Foust acquired his early education in the district schools, which he attended during the winter terms until fourteen years old, when he had the misfortune to lose his father. At the age of twelve years, however, he had begun work for an uncle, William F. Smythe, with whom he remained until ready to begin life on his own responsibility. A young man of energy and ambition, with excellent business capacity and tact, Mr. Foust steadily climbed the ladder of attainments, and now holds an assured position among the successful agriculturists of Westfield township, his snug little farm of forty-eight acres being under a good state of culture, and responding to his magic touch. Politically identified with the Democratic party, Mr. Foust represents Westfield township on the Democratic Central Committee. He has served as township supervisor, and in 1909 was elected to his present position as land appraiser. Fraternally he is a member of Ashley Lodge, No. 421, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand, and likewise belongs to the Encampment.

On March 31, 1887, Mr. Foust was united in marriage with Carrie Russell, who was born and educated in Westfield township, being a daughter of Evan Russell. Five children have been born into the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. Foust, namely: Clifford, who married Mabel Roosevelt, of Delaware county; Harley, who was graduated from the Cardington High School with the class of 1910; Doris, born March 5, 1901; Fern, born February 26, 1904; and Clio, born November 22, 1905.

GEORGE A. SHAW, the substantial hardware merchant of Marengo, is a native of Bennington township, Morrow county, where he was born on the 6th of October, 1866. His parents were James and Kezia (Allum) Shaw, and his genealogical pride is allowable over the fact that his mother was related to Sir Isaac Newton, the great man who would have been recorded in history as a master financier had he not achieved world-wide fame as a mathematician and scientist. Mr. Shaw's father was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of November, 1822,

and his grandfather, John Shaw, was also a native of that state. Several years afterward the latter brought his family to what is now Morrow county, locating on a farm three miles south of the present Marengo, where he resided until his death. Besides James, the eldest in the family of children, there were Joseph, Henry, Mary J., Rebecca, Lavinia and Elizabeth, all of whom were reared in Bennington township. Lavinia is the widow of David Jenkins and resides in Sparta, Ohio, while Elizabeth is the widow of James Kile, of Centerburg, that state.

The father of George A. Shaw came to Bennington township as a boy of eleven years, 1833 marking the time when he commenced to do his share in helping along the family and making himself generally useful to everybody. In 1844 he married Kezia, daughter of Robert and Fannie Allum, who was born at Deepen Fens, England, January 23, 1823, and was brought by her parents to the United States in 1829. After an ocean voyage of sixty-four days the family landed at Baltimore, Maryland. When Kezia was sixteen years of age she accompanied her parents to Knox county, Ohio, and in her twenty-second year became the wife of James Shaw. Of the seven children who were the fruits of this marriage these three have survived to the present time: Mary E., who is now the wife of Abram Bellis, of Bennington township; Issacar A., who lives at Ashley, Ohio; and he whose life-story has been commenced in this sketch.

George A. Shaw was reared on the Bennington township farm, but received his education in the common schools of Peru township, which he attended until he was sixteen. At that period of his life his father died, and as he was thrown completely on his own resources he applied himself as a monthly farm laborer until he reached his majority. The succeeding six years were spent as a locomotive fireman on the Erie railroad, from Galion to Dayton, Ohio. Such confining work was so distasteful to him that he returned to Peru township and was there employed in the threshing and saw mill business until January, 1898.

By economy and self-denial Mr. Shaw had saved sufficient money to venture into an independent field, and at the time mentioned came to Marengo and purchased an interest in C. S. Dunham's hardware business. The partnership continued until January 1, 1911, when Mr. Dunham withdrew from the business and H. R. Hicks became the junior partner with Mr. Shaw. They still conduct the business with old-time energy and sound judgment. Although a pronounced Democrat in a strong Republican precinct, Mr. Shaw's personal record and character have inspired such confidence among all classes that he is a man of public affairs, as well as a business leader. He has served for several years as assessor and is now a member of the city council. He is also a prominent Knight of Pythias, being the keeper of records and seals of the Marengo Lodge, No. 216.

In 1885 Mr. Shaw was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Martin, who has borne him three children: Glenn, Charles and Gertrude. Their daughter, who was born December 22, 1890, graduated from the Marengo High School and is teaching in Bennington township. Mr. Shaw's present wife, whom he married April 22, 1896, is a native of Limaville, Stark county, Ohio, where she was reared and educated. They are both earnest members of the Methodist church.

RAY L. MCFARLAND.—As a citizen of the younger generation of Mount Gilead Ray L. McFarland is early acquainting himself with the intricacies of local politics. At the present time, in 1911, he is ably filling the position of deputy auditor of Morrow county, to which he was appointed in April, 1907.

Mr. McFarland was born on a farm in Marion county, near Iberia, Ohio, on the 16th of September, 1887, and is a son of Willis C. and Florence M. (Crane) McFarland, both of whom are now residing at Mount Gilead. The father is an auctioneer by occupation and served two terms as auditor of Marion county, from 1902 to 1909. Ray L. McFarland was reared to the age of eleven years on the home farm, attending the district schools until he moved to Iberia, a small village in the northern part of Marion county, where he attended the graded schools. In 1901 he located in Mount Gilead, the county seat, whither the family had come, to allow the father to assume his duties as county auditor, the following year. He immediately enrolled as a student in the public schools at Mount Gilead, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1904. After graduating Mr. McFarland worked in his father's office as a clerk until September, 1905, when he was matriculated in the University of Wooster, at Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio. After completing the college year, 1905-6, he sought his fortune as a book agent in the state of Indiana, from whence he returned to Mount Gilead at the urgent request of his father to again take up work in the auditor's office in July, 1906. In April, 1907, he was promoted to the deputyship, which position he held during the remainder of his father's term of office, at the expiration of which, in October, 1909, he was reappointed deputy under the present auditor, Mr. Clifton Sipe.

In politics Mr. McFarland accords a stalwart allegiance to the principles and policies of the Republican party. He has been an active participant in political affairs since attaining to his majority and is now secretary of the County Central Committee. In July, 1910, he was a delegate to the Republican state convention, which nominated the Hon. Warren G. Harding, of Marion, for governor.

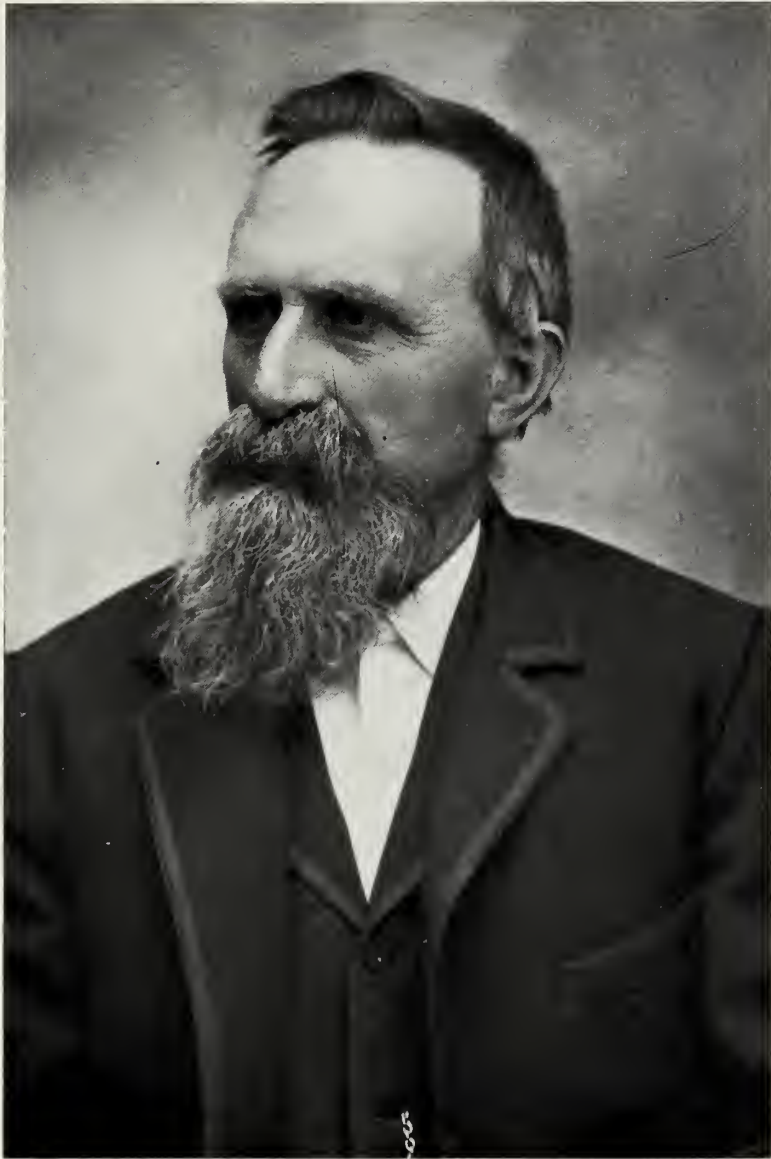
Fraternally Mr. McFarland is affiliated with Charles H. Hull, Lodge, No. 195, Knights of Pythias, and he is also a valued and appreciated member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 1191, Galion, Ohio. He is a conscientious member of the

Presbyterian church. He is a young man whose energy is on a par with his ambition and one for whom the future holds forth bright promises. His genial, accommodating personality is one of his best assets and as a citizen of Mt. Gilead he is accorded a high place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

JAMES H. PLACE.—Morrow county, Ohio, figures as one of the most attractive, progressive and prosperous divisions of the state, justly claiming a high order of citizenship and a spirit of enterprise which is certain to conserve consecutive development and marked advancement in the material upbuilding of this section. The county has been and is signally favored in the class of men who have contributed to its development along commercial and agricultural lines and in the latter connection the subject of this review demands recognition, as he has been actively engaged in farming operations during practically his entire life thus far. He has long been known as a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist and one whose business methods demonstrate the power of activity and honesty in the business world.

James H. Place is a native son of Morrow county, his birth having occurred in Westfield township, on a farm near his present home, on the 27th of August, 1839. He is a son of Ethan F. and Charity (Smith) Place, the former of whom was born in the state of New York and the latter of whom claimed Germany as the place of her nativity. Ethan Place was a son of John Place, who was likewise born and reared in the old Empire state of the Union, in which place was solemnized his marriage and whence he removed to Ohio in an early day, location having been made on a farm in Westfield township. His cherished and devoted wife, whose christian name was Sally, was summoned to the life eternal in Westfield township in 1836, and John passed away in 1848, at Caledonia, where he spent the closing years of his life. To them were born the following named children: John, Sullivan, Ethan, Anson, Margie, Sallie and Elizabeth, all of whom are now deceased. To Ethan and Charity Place were born: Lydia E., whose birth occurred on the 22nd of November, 1833; Philo D., born March 5, 1836; George P., March 3, 1838; James H., August 27, 1839; Henry and Henrietta, twins, born June 27, 1841; and Mary E., born October 13, 1849. Ethan Place died on the 3rd of May 1881, and his noble wife was called to her reward on the 8th of May, 1885. He was a stanch Republican in his political convictions and he was ever on the alert to do all in his power to advance the general welfare of the community in which he maintained his home. The father was a Baptist and the mother a devout member of the Presbyterian church in their religious faith, and they were active and zealous participants in all benevolent and charitable movements advanced in the township.

Mr. Place, the immediate subject of this review, was reared



James, H. Place

to the invigorating discipline of the home farm, in the work and management of which he early became associated with his father. During the winter terms he attended the district schools in Westfield township and there managed to eke out a fair education, which he has since supplemented with extensive reading and varied experiences. In 1867 he initiated operations as an independent farmer and he has resided upon his present splendid estate, comprised of one hundred acres, since 1867. In the midst of highly cultivated fields are beautiful and substantial buildings and the general atmosphere of thrift and prosperity which pervades the place is indicative of good management on the part of its practical owner. The Place farm is eligibly located six miles distant from Cardington and it is accounted one of the finest estates in Morrow county. In his political convictions Mr. Place accords an uncompromising allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and while he has never manifested aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office he is always willing to contribute his share to all matters projected for progress and development. He is affiliated with the social organizations of representative character and while he is not formally connected with any religious organization, he has the highest feeling of respect for Christianity and attends and gives his support to the United Brethren church, of which his wife is a devout member.

On the 25th of April, 1867, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Place to Miss Ruth R. Shaw, who was born in Westfield township, this county, on the 13th of November, 1845, and who is a daughter of Jonathan Shaw, born in Pennsylvania, and of Mary A. (Barry) Shaw, born in Maryland, whence they came to Westfield township at an early period, they having been the first white settlers in this section of Morrow county. Jonathan Shaw, the father of Mrs. Place, lived and died on the old farm entered by his father and he was summoned to eternal rest on the 19th of November, 1901. Mrs. Place is a scion of one of the most worthy families in Morrow county and a lady of most pleasing address and personality. Her parents, Jonathan and Mary A. (Barry) Shaw, were the parents of the following children: Susanna, who is the wife of William Curl, a prominent citizen of Cardington, Ohio; Rachel, who was the widow of Andrew Redd prior to her marriage to T. J. Holloway, of Morrow county, Ohio; Sarah J., who was the wife of Oliver Sharp at the time of her death, on the 9th of September, 1902; Ruth R., who is now Mrs. Place, wife of the subject of this review; J. W. Shaw, a successful business man at Cardington, was twice married, first to Eva Ensign, who is deceased, and second to Miss Imo Shunk; James S., who married Miss Alma Lewis, is a resident of Carthage, Indiana, where he is the proprietor of a jewelry establishment and where he also conducts an undertaking business; Aaron is deceased, as are also Mary E. and Alfred A.; Melissa is the wife of Loran Curren, of

Westfield township; John L. wedded Minerva Oliver and they reside in the northern part of Morrow county, near the city of Galion, Ohio; Martha E. is deceased; and Dorothy is the wife of W. C. Brenizer, one of the prosperous farmers of Westfield township. Mrs. Place was reared and educated in what is now Shawtown, Ohio, and prior to her marriage she was one of the successful and popular teachers of Morrow county. Mrs. Place, as well as her husband, came from sterling families and there has never been a blot on the escutcheon of the family name. To Mr. and Mrs. Place have been born two children: Walter W., whose birth occurred on the 17th of May, 1872; and Carrie M., born November 4, 1874. The son was married on the 25th of October, 1893, to Miss Ada Cecil and they are the parents of three children; Ralph L., Ivan L., and Irene E. The daughter, Carrie M., was married to Lewis Howard on the 25th of February, 1897, and they reside in Westfield township.

Mr. Place is a man of fine mentality and broad human sympathy. He thoroughly enjoys home life and takes great pleasure in the society of his family and friends. He is always courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally accord him the highest esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Place's lives have been exemplary in all respects and they have ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while their own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation.

W. ODELL MASTERS.—A man of enterprise and ability, W. Odell Masters, of Canaan township, ranks well among the practical and business-like farmers who are so ably conducting the agricultural interests of Morrow county. A native of Ohio, he was born in Morrow county January 6, 1873, and was reared on the home farm. His father, Jonathan Masters, was twice married. To him and his second wife, whose maiden name was Eveline Rolan, five children were born, namely: W. Odell, the special subject of this brief biographical sketch; Lillian M., of Marion, Ohio; Maude, Claude, a twin brother of Maude, has passed to the life beyond; and Delta Vivian, who died at the early age of two years.

Obtaining his first knowledge of the three "r's" in the district schools, W. Odell Masters completed his early education in the high school at Edison. Becoming a farmer from choice, he subsequently resided for a number of years on the home farm, and then moved to the present farm for three years, and then lived in Denmark, Ohio. Returning to his farm in December, 1909, Mr. Masters assumed possession of his acres in Canaan township, and in its management has been highly successful. He carries on general agriculture, and is specially interested in the breeding of Scotch Polled cattle, Humphrie hogs and horses, owning two fine registered road horses and keeping a large flock of Delaine sheep. He finds both pleasure and profit in stock raising, and keeps in touch with

the more modern methods used in that branch of his industry. His farm is well improved and well kept, and among his buildings is a large circular barn, conveniently arranged, the only barn of the kind in the entire county.

Mr. Masters married Miss Ruby Swickheimer, who was born February 25, 1882, in Delaware county, Ohio, a daughter of John Jacob and Anna (Basiger) Swickheimer. She is a Delaware High School graduate and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Denmark. Their only child, Wilton Thurlow Masters, was born July 10, 1908. Politically Mr. Masters is a steadfast Republican and has served as township clerk. Fraternally he belongs to Gilead Lodge, No. 169, Free and Accepted Masons; to Morrow Chapter, No. 59, Royal Arcanum Masons; and is a member and past chancellor of Edison Lodge, No. 434, Knights of Pythias.

LAFAYETTE T. TURNEY.—One of the oldest native-born citizens of Bennington township, Morrow county, Lafayette T. Turney was born on the farm which he now owns and occupies, November 19, 1838, a son of John Turney. During his many years of residence in this community he has witnessed wonderful changes in the face of the country, and likewise in the methods of farming and carrying on business of all kinds. In his boyhood days substantial school buildings, churches, and costly residences were unknown in the county, while railways, telegraph and telephone lines were conspicuous by their absence, few, if any, evidences of the present civilization existing. In the grand transformation that has taken place he has been actively interested, many of his best years having been spent in helping to redeem a portion of this beautiful country from its original wildness.

John Turney, a native of Pennsylvania, was born May 19, 1802, in Westmoreland county, and died, about 1900, in Morrow county, Ohio. In Franklin county, Ohio, April 27, 1838, he married Rebecca Ayers, who was born, December 13, 1808, in Sussex county, New Jersey. Of their three children, one, Thomas L., died in infancy, and two are living, as follows: Lafayette T., the special subject of this brief review, and George A., born September 27, 1842, in Delaware county, Ohio.

Beginning when young to perform his share incidental to life on a farm, Lafayette T. Turney became familiar with the theory and practice of agriculture, and continued to follow this branch of industry throughout his active career. Meeting with good success in his undertakings, he is now living on his farm retired, however, from active pursuits. His farm contains sixty-seven and one-half acres of land, and is under a good state of cultivation, yielding profitable harvests each season.

Mr. Turney married, January 4, 1866, Lavina Cox, a native of Fredericktown, Knox county, Ohio, born December 6, 1845, and

into their household three children have been born, namely: Viola, wife of Lyman Ashley, of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Debbie, wife of John Pinder, of South Bloomfield township, Morrow county; and May, wife of Arthur Sipes, of Bennington township, Morrow county. Politically Mr. Turney is a sound Republican, loyal to the interests of his party, and religiously both Mr. and Mrs. Turney are members of the Advent church.

CHARLES B. SMITH.—A prominent and prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Morrow county, Charles B. Smith is the owner of a large, well-appointed and well-managed estate in Bennington township, where he holds a good position among the active and progressive men who are contributing largely toward the development of the industrial interests of this part of the state. A son of David Smith, Jr., he was born in Peru township, Morrow county, October 20, 1864, of pioneer ancestry. His paternal grandfather, David Smith, Sr., a native of Pennsylvania, married Fannie J. Moore and settled in Bennington township, Morrow county, in pioneer days, and was here engaged in clearing and improving his land for many years, residing here until his death.

David Smith, Jr., was born on the parental homestead in Bennington township and was educated in the pioneer schools of his day. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, he became a tiller of the soil from choice, and having bought land in Peru township when ready to settle in life, was there successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He was a quiet, unassuming man, and enjoyed to a high degree the respect and esteem of the neighborhood in which he so long resided, his influence as an honest, upright citizen being felt throughout the community. He married Martha Powers, a daughter of Reverend Erastus Powers, a preacher in the United Brethren church, and of the five children born of their union, one child, a son, lived but six months. The four now living are as follows: Fannie J., Mary I., wife of Hamilton Butters; Lucy, wife of Samuel Smith, of Peru township; and Charles B., the subject of this brief personal record.

Charles B. Smith received excellent educational advantages, attending school much of the time until twenty years old. Thoroughly enjoying the pleasures of rural life, he early turned his attention to agriculture, and when ready to establish a home of his own bought land in Bennington township, where he has since been extensively engaged in general farming, stock raising and dealing and in poultry growing, in each and all branches of industry receiving satisfactory returns for his labors. Mr. Smith now has title to one hundred and ninety acres of land, all in his home farm, from which he reaps abundant crops each year. He is a farmer of well known ability, and his extended practical experience has made him an authority on the various branches of agriculture. He is a man of sound judgment, upright in his dealings, and is

often called upon to settle estates, and has served several terms as justice of the peace. He is a Republican in politics, and an earnest worker in party ranks.

Mr. Smith married, November 25, 1886, Miss Minnie Conn, who was born March 15, 1856, in Delaware county, Ohio, where her father, B. F. Conn, was a well-known farmer. Two children have blessed their union, namely: Stanton, born July 29, 1889, was graduated from the Marengo High School, and is now devoting his energies to general farming; and Anna, born March 19, 1891, was graduated from the Marengo High School, was a student in the Ada Normal School, and is now a teacher in Bennington township. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are trustworthy and valued members of the Wesleyan Methodist church at Fargo, Ohio, and are active in its work, Mr. Smith being one of the trustees of the church and its treasurer.

DAVID BRATTON.—One of the best known and most highly respected residents of Canaan township, Morrow county, is David Bratton, who is distinguished not only for his manliness and good citizenship but for the brave service which he rendered his country during the Civil war, taking active part in many of its most hardly contested battles, willing, if need be, to sacrifice his life to save the honor of his country's flag. A son of James Bratton, he was born March 22, 1843, in Delaware county, Ohio, coming on the paternal side of old Virginia stock.

A farmer by occupation, James Bratton lived in Delaware county, Ohio, until 1853, when he removed with his family to Marion county, Ohio, where he bought land and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He married Mary Kyle, a life-long resident of Ohio, and she proved a true help-mate, sharing with him the toils and privations incidental in those days to farm life and assisting him in training their children to habits of industry and thrift.

Brought up on the parental homestead, David Bratton assisted on the farm during seed time and harvest, attending the long winter terms of the district school, where he acquired a practical education. In the early part of the year 1863, although a beardless boy of eighteen years, his patriotic ardor was aroused, and he enlisted as a private in Company D, Sixty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to General Sherman's army. Under command of this brave general he fought in numerous engagements, being with his company in the battles of Rocky Face Ridge, Peach Tree Creek, Franklin and many others of note, fearlessly meeting the foe whenever opportunity occurred. At the close of the conflict, being honorably discharged from the service, Mr. Bratton returned to Ohio and continued work on the home farm for about three years after being mustered out on December 3, 1865.

Coming to Morrow county in 1868, Mr. Bratton settled in

Canaan township, about six miles northwest of Mount Gilead, where he owns and occupies a finely improved and productive farm of eighty acres. Here he is carrying on general farming with good results, his estate comparing favorably in its appointments with any in the vicinity.

Mr. Bratton married, in 1868, Charity Reed, who was born February 28, 1852, in Morrow county, Ohio, a daughter of William and Margaret (Linder) Reed, who owned and occupied a farm in Canaan township. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bratton, namely: Ida, who died in 1894; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Martin; Fremont; Oscar; and Hannah L., living with her parents on the home farm.

A stalwart Republican from his youth up, Mr. Bratton takes an intelligent interest in local and national affairs, and is a loyal supporter of the principles of his party. He is still as true to the interests of his country as in those days when the dark clouds of war overshadowed our fair land, and is a faithful member of Hurd Post, G. A. R., of Mount Gilead, a patriotic organization whose members are every year decreasing in numbers, each season death claiming many veterans of the Civil war.

WILLIS C. MCFARLAND.—From the participation of Willis C. McFarland in the varied affairs of Mount Gilead and Morrow county, the well-sustained inference may be drawn that an honest, able, progressive business man is the best timber for the efficient and faithful public official. Mr. McFarland has made a worthy and prominent record in both fields of activity, as will be fully maintained by the following facts, which constitute but an outline of what he is and what he has done.

A native of Morrow county, he was born January 5, 1859, the third child in a family of three sons and three daughters. His father, Newton McFarland, who was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, and a pioneer of Morrow county, is deceased; the mother (previous to her marriage, Caroline Burton) is a resident of Iberia. She also came to this section of Ohio at an early day. She was born at Manchester, Vermont, April 24, 1830, and moved to Ohio in 1838. Six children were spared to the worthy widow, as follows: Ada, who is now herself a widow, formerly the wife of M. H. Henderson and a resident of Iberia, Ohio; Charles N., who also lives near that place and is an agriculturist; Willis C., of this sketch; C. W., of Mount Gilead, who is a prominent farmer, president of the Ohio State Fair Association in 1910 and one of the oldest and most active members of the organization; Ella B., who married Charles F. Noble, a leading grain and coal dealer of Hawarden, Iowa; and Clara M., who became the wife of J. H. McClarren and died September 27, 1896.

Willis C. McFarland received his early education in the public schools of his home township and of Iberia. When eighteen

years of age he entered the Ohio Central College, at the latter place, where he pursued a course of study and then taught faithfully and well for a period of ten years; during this chapter of his career he also took special advanced studies at Ada College.

After his marriage in 1885, Mr. McFarland purchased a small farm in Tully township, Marion county, which he worked during his summer vacations, but eventually sold the property, located in Iberia and became interested in the auctioneering business. This has been his chief business line since 1890 and of late years it has expanded to such dimensions that practically his entire time is now devoted to its management and promotion. In politics he is actively and firmly Republican, as he has always been since he was qualified to vote the regular ticket. In the fall of 1901 he was elected, by a plurality of two hundred and fifty-one votes, to the office of county auditor, and at the expiration of his first term he was returned to office with a plurality of four hundred and fifty-one; and speaking facts these are to his official faithfulness and ability. Mr. McFarland served altogether for seven years in the capacity named; one term of three years and (by a change in the law) another, of four years. In October, 1909, his second term as county auditor having expired, he returned to his private interests, which were pressing him for attention. As stated, most of his time is now devoted to his duties as an auctioneer, a portion of his attention being also directed toward the management of a fine farm in Gilead township. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church at Mount Gilead.

On January 8, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McFarland to Miss Florence M. Crane, who is a daughter of the late E. J. Crane, of Morrow county, but a native of Muskingum county. Mrs. McFarland was also born in the latter county, but was reared and educated in the former. After completing the curriculum of the district schools she attended Iberia College for some years and prepared herself to assume her place in the community as an educated and graceful woman. The only child, Ray L. McFarland, is now serving as deputy auditor of Morrow county, and as an able and coming citizen is accorded a review in other pages of this work.

JOHN W. COOK, superintendent of the Buekeye Milling Company, is a representative business man and one of the most popular and highly respected of the citizens of Mount Gilead and Morrow county. The industrial activities of any community form one of its chief sources of material prosperity and the fair capital of Morrow county is particularly fortunate in having at the head of an enterprise of such broad scope and importance a man as progressive, independent and upright as he. He has won the success

which ever crowns well directed labor, sound judgment and untiring perseverance and at the same time he has concerned himself with the affairs of his native county in a loyal, public-spirited way. The concern of which he is the head was incorporated as the Buckeye Milling Company, and since 1888, the date of said incorporation, it has undergone many changes. Further mention of the company is made in the historical part of this work.

Mr. Cook is a native of Morrow county, his birth having occurred some two and one-half miles southeast of Mount Gilead September 6, 1873, his parents being John W. and Matilda (Mateer) Cook. The family is one well known in this part of the Buckeye state, his father being one of the highly esteemed representatives of the great basic industry in this locality. The head of the house is a native of Gloucester, England, his birth having occurred in April, 1834. He was reared in his native land until the age of twenty-two and he was a baker by trade. John Cook is a self-educated, as well as a self-made man. He came to America in 1856 in a sailing vessel, embarking at Liverpool and being six weeks en voyage. When he landed in New York he awakened to the fact that he was a stranger in a strange land and with very little capital. For a while he worked at his trade at Staten Island, becoming associated with an uncle, and in 1858 he came on to Galion, Ohio. As he had no money with which to start in business he secured work on a farm, and it proved so thoroughly congenial that he made it his life work. He is now living east of Iberia on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres.

The subject's mother was born in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1833, and her maiden name was Matilda Mateer. She was educated in the common schools and she, as well as her husband, was a devout Presbyterian. She was called to her eternal rest November 15, 1889. The union of this worthy couple was celebrated in 1862 and somewhere near that time the father enlisted as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, receiving his honorable discharge after a term of service. John W. is the youngest member of the family of five children. Alice became the wife of J. W. Walker, of Toledo; Harriette M. is the wife of J. C. Brown, of Harmony township; Charlotte E. is single; and James M. resides at Mount Gilead, where he is engaged with the Hydraulic Press Company.

When Mr. Cook was about eighteen months old his parents moved from Gilead township, which had been the scene of his nativity, and took up their residence upon a farm in Harmony township. This valuable tract of seventy-three acres was one of the most valuable and advantageously situated in the county and here were passed the boyhood and youth of the subject. At the proper age he entered the district school, which he attended in the winter, in the summer assisting in the various forms of employment to be found upon a farm. When he was seventeen

years of age he had some idea of taking up the work of telegraphy, and to that end went to Columbus, where he attended for some time a school of telegraphy. Upon his return to Morrow county he resumed farming for a time, his previous training in that line having given him an up-to-date knowledge of this department of activity. However, he was inclined rather toward commercial and industrial affairs, and about the year 1902 he entered the hardware store of A. L. Pipes, at Fulton, Ohio, where he gave efficient service for about a year. His identification with the town of Mount Gilead dates from September 13, 1903, upon which date he accepted a position with the Buckeye Milling Company, as superintendent of the same. Judging by subsequent events the step was a fortunate and most judicious one, and probably permanently directed the course of Mr. Cook's usefulness. This enterprise, as previously mentioned, was incorporated in the year 1888 by Thomas E. Duncan and others. In 1906 he purchased an interest in the Buckeye Milling Company and still retains the important position of superintendent. The concern, which owes much of its constant expansion to his fine executive force, has gained recognition as one of the finest milling industries in the state.

Mr. Cook became a recruit to the ranks of the Benedicts when on April 9, 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha A. Blyth, daughter of John and Louise (Wittibslager) Blyth. She was born December 15, 1876, in Galion, Ohio, and received her education in the graded and high schools of that place. In 1892 she, with the rest of the household, removed to Bucyrus, her father having been elected to the office of county treasurer of Crawford county, in which important incumbency he served two terms. He was a stalwart Democrat and was well known throughout this part of the state. In 1898 the Blyth family removed to Fulton, Ohio, where the father was engaged in the stone quarry business under the firm name of Rumer & Blyth. John Blyth was a member of the English Lutheran church of Bucyrus and was also a high Mason, being past grand patron of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and he was probably more widely known and universally beloved and respected than any other member of the order in the state. He was a thirty-third degree Mason, having taken the last degree in Boston, Massachusetts. He was a veteran of the Civil war, his service extending over two years as a member of Company B, of the Thirty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded at Atlanta, Georgia, July 22, 1864, and received his honorable discharge March 14, 1865. He was a native Scotchman, born at Kirkealdy, county of Fife, August 22, 1841. At the age of fourteen he went to Cornwall, Canada, and his identification with Galion, Ohio, dates from the spring of 1863. He was a mechanic by occupation. This honored and public-spirited citizen was summoned to the life eternal in February, 1906, upon which regrettable occurrence Mrs. Blyth, with her family, removed from Fulton to Mount Gilead,

where she now resides. She and her husband were the parents of six children. L. W. Blyth resides in Cleveland, Ohio; T. O. Blyth is in business in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Edith became the wife of T. J. Wiseman, of Joliet, Illinois; Ruth L. and Raymond J. still reside at home.

Mr. Cook is a very prominent and popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 169. He has had honors showered upon him in fraternal circles, being past grand and past chief patriarch, and he is also a member of Morrow Encampment, No. 59. Mrs. Cook is a member of Bucyrus Chapter, No. 3, of the Eastern Star, and she is a prominent member of the Fulton Rebekah Lodge, in which she has passed all the chairs.

The subject gives his heart and hand to the men and measures of what its admirers term "The Grand Old Party." He is, in short, liberal and progressive in his attitude as a citizen and takes a deep interest in all that touches the advancement and prosperity of his native country. Genial and companionable, his circle of friends is circumscribed only by that of his acquaintanceship and he stands as a popular representative of the best type of business man. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church of Mount Gilead and assist with their sympathy and support all the good measures of the church body. Their home is one of the attractive and hospitable ones of the place.

HUGH G. ROGERS.—As the years relentlessly mark the milestones on the pathway of time the older generation slowly gives way to the new and gradually there passes from our midst the men who made our country what it is and who built up this great empire of the middle west for the men of today. In every generation and in every community some few men leave an indelible imprint upon the history of that community and upon the memories of those who have known them by their ability to fight and win even against great odds, and by that kind of character which wins lasting friends because of that innate quality which people know as loyalty. Hugh G. Rogers, who passed into the Great Beyond on the 31st of December, 1899, was one of these. He was a gallant and faithful soldier in the Union ranks of the Civil war, represented his home district in the State Legislature and during the major portion of his life resided in Chester township, Morrow county, Ohio. By reason of his admirable character and exemplary life he is well deserving of representation in this historical compilation.

Hugh G. Rogers was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of August, 1831, and was a son of George and Catherine (Russ) Rogers, both of whom were born and reared in Wales, whence they immigrated to the United States in an early day. Mr. Rogers, of this review, was reared to adult age and educated in the old Keystone state of the Union and at the age of eighteen

years began to learn the carpenter's trade, later going to Philadelphia to learn stair-making. His great industry and thrift made him an exceedingly good workman. After his first marriage, in 1858, he came to Ohio, settling on a farm in Harmony township, in Morrow county. When the dark cloud of Civil war east its pall over the national horizon Mr. Rogers responded to President Lincoln's call for volunteers and with a number of other brave young men enlisted as a member of Company C., Ninety-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He entered the United States army at Cardington and proceeded thence to Camp Chase at Columbus. He was sent on with the soldiers to meet **General Kirby Smith** on his invasion of Kentucky and later he was with General Sherman at Vicksburg, where he was disabled. He received his honorable discharge and was mustered out of service at Jefferson Barracks, in St. Louis, Missouri, as fourth sergeant.

After his military service had been ended Mr. Rogers returned home and subsequently established the family home in Chester township, Morrow county, where he purchased the old Trowbridge estate, the same consisting of some one hundred and twelve acres of land, on which is located a beautiful little lake. Rogers Lake, as this body of water is called, was improved and beautified by Mr. Rogers, who made it an exceedingly popular summer resort, his kind, genial manner winning for him many friends who loved to come here to camp during the warm summer seasons. In his political allegiance Mr. Rogers was aligned as a stalwart supporter of the cause for which the Republican party stands sponsor. In the year 1894 he was honored by his fellow citizens with election to the office of representative from the Marion and Morrow county district in the State Legislature. He served in that capacity during the session of 1894-5 and during his incumbency served with all of efficiency on a number of important committees. He ever manifested a deep and sincere interest in educational matters in this section of the state and served most creditably for a number of years as a member of the local school board. He retained a deep and abiding interest in his old comrades in arms and signified the same by membership in Crayton Orr Post, No. 405, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was commander for a time. He devoted a large portion of his time and attention to agricultural pursuits during the latter part of his life and in connection with that occupation was a valued and appreciative member of the Grange.

Mr. Rogers was twice married, his first union having been to Miss Rachel Hayden Evans, the ceremony having taken place in the year 1858. This union was prolific of four children: Thomas and Lewis, both deceased; and George W. and Olive. Mrs. Rogers was summoned to eternal rest in 1870 and subsequently he married Miss Eliza Bruce, who was born and reared in Morrow county, Ohio, and who is a daughter of Joel Bruce, of Chester township. There were no children born of this marriage. Mr. and Mrs.

Rogers continued to reside on the old homestead farm in Chester township until his death, which occurred on the 31st of December, 1899. A peculiar thing connected with Mr. Rogers' demise is that he died in one century and was buried in the next.

There is no perfection in human nature, yet Mr. Rogers came as near to the most attractive ideal of such perfection as any man who has gathered about him the affection and admiration of his fellow men. He was free from a censorious spirit and he never uttered an unkind criticism of any one. His convictions were as solid as adamant and neither fear nor favor could shake them from him, yet he tried to estimate human conduct in the light of that charity which "hopeth all things, which beareth all things, which is not easily provoked, which thinketh no evil." He was a man swayed by a conscience enlightened by the truth and spirit of God. His ambition to be right and do right was the paramount incentive and he counted not the cost in the attainment of so noble an end. But his most sterling and shining quality was his religious character. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was a member of the board of trustees at the time of his demise. He was a careful student of the history of the great denomination to which he belonged and tried as best he could to glorify Christ through the love and devotion of his individual life.

George W. Rogers, the only surviving child of Hugh G. Rogers, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 17th of December, 1858. He was educated in the public schools of his native place and was reared under the invigorating influence of the old homestead farm, in the work and management of which he early began to assist his father. On January 19, 1887, was celebrated his marriage to Miss Blanche Bulver, of Fredericktown. She is a daughter of David and Amanda (Reep) Bulver, both natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers became the parents of five children, namely: Hoy G., Dorothea M., Dewey D., Pauline and Hugh. All the children have been afforded excellent educational advantages. After being graduated in the high school at Chesterville, Ohio, Hoy G. was matriculated as a student in the Ohio Wesleyan College, at Delaware, Ohio, in the theological department of which splendid institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1910. He is an ordained minister in the Methodist Episcopal church and his first charge was at Belleville. He is now a resident of Butler, Ohio, where he has charge of the Methodist Episcopal parish, and where he has just closed a successful revival, in which were numbered sixty-five converts. Dorothea M. is a member of the class of 1911 in the high school at Chesterville, and Dewey and Pauline are attending the graded school.

Mr. Rogers is engaged in farming on a splendid estate of one hundred and fifty acres, the same being located on a pleasant eminence overlooking the town of Chesterville. On one occasion,

on being asked what his business was, Mr. Rogers replied: "My business is rearing and educating boys and girls. My work is farming to pay expenses." The Rogers family is certainly well deserving of the high place they hold in popular confidence and esteem in this community, where their efforts to promote progress and improvement have ever been of the most insistent order. In politics Mr. Rogers endorses the cause of the Republican party and while he has never manifested aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office of any description he is ever on the alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all projects advanced for the general welfare. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in religious matters is with his family a valued and appreciative member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

HUGH A. MCKINNON.—As a member of the firm of McKinnon & Jago, photographers at Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, Hugh A. McKinnon has gained an influential place in the business world of this city. He was born at Atkins, Iowa, on the 2nd of June, 1881, and is a son of Hugh and Elizabeth McKinnon, the former of whom was born on the Isle of Man and the latter at Irvington, Scotland.

Hugh McKinnon, Sr., was born on the Isle of Man but was reared and educated in Scotland. He received a good practical education and was a skilled mechanic, being a fine smithy. He worked on the first steel ship which ever was built and launched on the river Clyde. The people were very skeptical as to the floating qualities of steel vessels, claiming they would sink; but when the day of launching the vessel came, hundreds of people gathered on the wharfs and were nonplussed when it dipped six inches less than a wooden vessel. Mr. McKinnon and wife sailed from Glasgow, Scotland, and landed in Quebec in 1865, the voyage being of six weeks' duration. He came to Montreal to pursue his trade, and went thence to several points in Canada, later to Detroit and Chicago, and worked there some years, trying each time to better his fortune. From Chicago he went to Iowa and thence to Nebraska. He was a great student and reader. Politically he was a Populist, but a great admirer of McKinley. Formerly he and his wife were Presbyterians, but in later years they joined the Methodists. There were ten children, seven sons and three daughters in the family, and all are living but one daughter. All the children except Hugh A., the subject of this sketch, are residing west of the Mississippi river. The senior Mr. McKinnon died June 19, 1904. Mrs. McKinnon was a Scotch lassie and was educated in her native land. She resides in Parker, Nebraska.

When seven years of age Hugh A. McKinnon accompanied his parents on their removal from Iowa to western Nebraska, to whose public schools he is indebted for his early educational train-

ing. In 1904 he was graduated in the commercial course in the Western Normal Business Institute at Shenandoah, Iowa, and immediately thereafter he became principal of the Federal Business College at Bucyrus, Ohio, continuing incumbent of that position for one year, at the expiration of which he took up bookkeeping and became cashier of the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company, at Mount Gilead. He was thus employed from September, 1905, until May 1, 1908. In the latter year he organized the firm of McKinnon & Jago and engaged in the photography business. In this line of enterprise his success has been on a parity with his well directed endeavors and the firm of McKinnon & Jago now controls a large and flourishing business.

In 1907 Mr. McKinnon was united in marriage to Miss Jane Jago, who was born at Mount Gilead, on the 9th of June, 1881, a daughter of George and Ellen (Cooper) Jago, of Mount Gilead. Mrs. McKinnon was graduated in the Mount Gilead High School as a member of the class of 1898, and she was engaged in the work of bookkeeping from 1901 to 1907.

Mr. McKinnon is a stalwart Republican in his political proclivities and he is affiliated with the time-honored Masonic fraternity. He and his wife are devout members of the Presbyterian church, in which he is secretary of the board of trustees.

JOSEPH CRIDER.—In Canaan township, Morrow county, are many enterprising agriculturists who bring to their calling good business methods and excellent judgment and whose labors are crowned with success. Noteworthy among this number is Joseph Crider, who for nearly a quarter of a century has been diligently improving his property, continually adding to its value, his present homestead, with its substantial buildings, giving ample evidence to the passer-by of his skill and good taste as a practical farmer and rural householder. A son of the late Daniel Crider, he was born August 1, 1852, in Crawford county, Ohio, where his early life was spent.

Daniel Crider was born, in 1803, in Pennsylvania, and died November 3, 1880, in Crawford county, Ohio, whither he removed soon after his marriage. His wife, Mary Horn, was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania, and died in Ohio April 21, 1895. Eleven children were born of this union, namely: Ann, born March 22, 1830; Catherine, born August 14, 1831; Barbara, born November 7, 1832; Lydia, born April 29, 1834; Elizabeth, born March 16, 1836; John born March 1, 1838; Mary, born September 16, 1840; Louisa, born June 16, 1843; Daniel, born July 11, 1845; Adam, born May 9, 1849; and Joseph, with whom this sketch is chiefly concerned.

Brought up on a farm, Joseph Crider attended the district school as a boy, gleaning a good knowledge of the common branches of study. At the age of sixteen years he began life for himself, poor in pocket but rich in energy and ambition; with sturdy indus-

try and judicial frugality he laboriously toiled onward and upward, rising by slow degrees from poverty to a condition of comparative affluence, since his marriage having had the cooperation of his wife, a woman of ability and judgment. In 1887 Mr. Crider purchased one hundred acres of land in section twenty-one, Canaan township, and in its cultivation and improvement his efforts have been amply rewarded, his farm being one of the most attractive and valuable in the vicinity..

On December 30, 1875, Mr. Crider was united in marriage with Elizabeth Russell, who was born March 1, 1853, in Crawford county, Ohio, on the farm of her parents, Perry R. and May (Gladhill) Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Crider are the parents of five children, namely: Mary, born November 18, 1876, is the wife of John Hardman, of Canaan township; Bessie, born April 29, 1884, married Glenn Bolinger; Amanda, deceased; Florence, born February 10, 1894; and Paul, born November 29, 1896, died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Crider is a sound Republican and genuinely interested in local and national affairs. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Denmark, Ohio.

FRANK B. McMILLIN.—There is ever patent verification of the aphorism of Epicharmus, "Earn thy reward; the gods give naught to sloth." and the world instinctively pays deference to those who win success through individual effort and worthy means.

Judge Frank B. McMillin is one of the native sons of Morrow county who has thus been the artificer of his own fortunes and whose success has been of a very appreciable order, the while his course has ever been such as to retain him the unqualified confidence and regard of his fellow men. In his early youth he felt the spur of necessity, and it may well be said that the development of character in strength and resourcefulness is fostered by such conflict with adverse forces. Mr. McMillin is now numbered among the veritable captains of industry in his native county, where his excellent initiative and administrative powers have been brought to bear in a most effective way in the promotion of enterprises that have important bearing upon the industrial and social prosperity of the community. He is one of the most loyal and progressive citizens of Mount Gilead and he has been an aggressive force in supporting all the measures that have tended to advance its best interests. Here he is now secretary and general manager of The Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company, and he has been specially influential in placing this important industrial concern upon a substantial footing. He has served as probate judge of Morrow county and has been given most unequivocal assurance of popular esteem in the community that has ever represented his home.

Frank B. McMillin was born in Mount Gilead, the metropolis and judicial center of Morrow county, and the date of his nativity

was November 3, 1868. He is a son of Reverend Milton and Mrs. Nancy McMillin, the former of whom was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Knox county, Ohio.. Reverend Milton McMillin was graduated in Washington and Jefferson College and the Western Theological Seminary, Pennsylvania, and later was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which he continued until death, which occurred at Lexington, Ohio, where he had temporarily located, in 1876. He has held various pastoral incumbencies in Pennsylvania and Ohio and was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Mount Gilead, which he resigned on account of ill health shortly before the time of his death. He was a man of fine intellectuality and his life was one of consecrated devotion to the work of his chosen vocation. His wife, a woman of noble character, had been a teacher in seminaries near Pittsburg and Allegheny, Pennsylvania, prior to their marriage, and she survived him by many years the while she reared her children to lives of usefulness and honor, having assumed in this connection a heavy burden of responsibility when the husband and father was summoned from the scene of life's mortal endeavors. Her financial resources were of the most limited and uncertain order and she was left to care for five little sons, the eldest of whom was but thirteen years of age at the time of the father's death. She continued to maintain her home in Mount Gilead until her death, which occurred in December, 1908, and she is held in loving memory by all who came within the sphere of her gentle and gracious influence.

Concerning the five children the following brief data is given: Walter L. is general manager of the Yeomans and Shedd Hardware Company, a representative wholesale concern at Danville, Illinois; Reverend Edward M., is pastor of the Presbyterian church at East Liverpool, Ohio; Frank B. is the immediate subject of this review; Harry B., of Mount Gilead, is individually mentioned on other pages of this work; and Reverend Frederiek N. is pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Walnut Hills, a residential section of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Frank B. McMillin was in his eighth year at the time of his father's death, and the straitened condition of the family rendered it necessary for him and his elder brother to assist in providing for the general support of the family, the loving and devoted mother having been determined to keep her children with her and to rear them according to the principles of uprightness, self-reliance and abiding Christian faith. She was resourceful, self-abnegating, and was sustained by that faith that ever makes faithful in all the relations of life. Mr. McMillin was afforded the advantages of the public schools, which he attended in a somewhat irregular way, and soon after the death of his father he began to earn his own living and also to assist his mother. When but eight years of age he secured employment in a brick yard, and from

the princely stipend of ten cents a day he was gradually advanced until he received a dollar a day for his services. He continued to be thus engaged for a period of four summers and during the latter part of this time he held the position of Kiln-setter. In the meanwhile he also added to his earnings by cutting wood, mowing lawns, making and selling lamp lighters and straw hats and doing such other kinds of work as he could secure. While attending school he thus employed himself nights and mornings, and during the vacation seasons, assiduous application to work marked his course rather than the play engaged in by the average boy. Thus he was able not only to provide his own clothing but also to contribute to the support of the family while he was yet a mere boy. In the perspective of years he has found nothing to regret in the discipline thus secured, for the same gave to him appreciation of the value and dignity of honest toil and endeavor, and also begot a spirit of self-reliance and a determined purpose to make the most of such opportunities as presented themselves.

After leaving the brick yard Mr. McMillin found employment on a farm, and he was thus engaged for a year, at a compensation of ten dollars a month. Later he clerked in a dry-goods and grocery stores in his native town, and when sixteen years of age he secured a clerical position in the Mount Gilead post office, in which he was eventually promoted to the position of assistant post master, an incumbency which he retained for four years, the largest salary he received being thirty-seven and one-half dollars a month. In 1899 he retired from the post office to initiate an independent business career. Though his capitalistic resources available for investment were summed up in the amount of ninety dollars, he had established a sure reputation for industry, honesty and reliability, and this constituted a most valuable asset. He purchased a shoe store and, as a matter of course, assumed a very appreciable indebtedness, but his reputation gained to him credit, which he was always most careful to protect, and during the thirteen years of his identification with the shoe business his success was cumulative, implying the building up of a large and substantial trade and the securing of a strong hold upon popular confidence and esteem. When he sold his business in 1902, he not only owned the building occupied, but also a large stock of goods and was entirely free from debt, with a number of investments outside of the line of enterprise to which he had thus given his attention. During the greater part of the time he himself did the greater part of the work of the store, besides which he also had charge of bookkeeping for others.

The genius of success is work, and it will be seen that in this attribute Mr. McMillin had been in no wise lacking. While serving as assistant post master he became secretary of the Buckeye Building and Loan Association, of which he was one of the organizers and of which he became a director at the time of its incorporation. When the business was reorganized under its present title,

The Mount Gilead Savings and Loan Company, he continued his identification therewith and has retained the office of director.

In 1900 he became a member of the directorate of The Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company, and since 1902 he has been an active executive of the corporation. In the year last mentioned he was appointed by the directors of the company to the office of special auditor, in which capacity devolved upon him the responsibility of instilling new life and methods into the business, as well as to systematize the affairs of the factory, home office and branch sales offices. He quickly took up and mastered the mechanical details of the business and it has been in a large degree due to his skill as an organizer and to his careful and judicious administration of executive functions that the business has been placed upon a plane of successful operation and constantly expanding ramifications. From the office of special auditor he was appointed to that of assistant general manager, to the duties of which he later added those of assistant secretary, and since 1907 he has held the dual office of general manager and secretary. He is one of the leading stockholders in this corporation and has labored with much of ability and with unflagging zeal for the upbuilding of an industry that has contributed materially to the commercial prestige of Mount Gilead and Morrow county.

Mr. McMillin has ever shown most insistent loyalty to his home city and his progressive ideas have been shown in the ardent co-operation which he has given to the initiating and fostering of enterprises and measures tending to conserve the general welfare and prosperity. The cause of religion has enlisted his earnest support and, broad and tolerant in his views, he has done all in his power to aid and uplift his fellow men and to bring about the highest standards of morality and clean social life. He believes in publicity and the judicious exploiting of the advantages and attractions of his city, and he has been active in advertising Mount Gilead as a desirable place for manufacturing and commercial enterprises and as an attractive place of residence. He is the author of a unique and most interesting brochure entitled "Facts About Mount Gilead," and the same has been widely distributed with most excellent results.

In politics Mr. McMillin accords an unfaltering allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and he has given efficient service in its local ranks. Though he has had no special predilection for public office, he was appointed in 1900 to fill an unexpired term in the office of the probate judge of Morrow county, the vacancy having been caused by the death of Judge Arthur L. Banker. He retained the office for one year and gave a most careful and acceptable administration.

A son of a clergyman of the Presbyterian church, Mr. McMillin was early grounded securely in the faith represented by this denomination, and he has been a zealous and valued factor in

connection with the various departments of the work of the Presbyterian church in Mount Gilead, in which he is an elder at the present time, as well as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mrs. McMillin also is a devoted church worker and is a popular figure in connection with the leading social activities of the community. Mr. McMillin is affiliated with Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons, and is an appreciative member of the time honored fraternity.

On the 25th of March, 1891, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. McMillin to Miss Alice K. Struble, of Forest, Hardin county, Ohio. She was born in Fredericktown, Knox county, this state, and is a daughter of Lafayette and Ella A. Struble, members of old and honored families of this section of the Buckeye commonwealth. Mr. and Mrs. McMillin have one son, Howard, who is now in his fourteenth year and is in the eighth grade at school.

THE BENNETT-ROBESON FAMILY.—As the successful growth of vegetation depends upon certain favorable conditions of sunshine and rain, so the growth of a great country's industries depend upon those inherent principles of sturdy manhood and womanhood that the passing years have bestowed with a lavish hand, and which to the one possessing them are a priceless legacy, stamping his life with a pleasing success. Such principles have been largely shown in the honored families of Bennett and Robeson, which enjoy universal esteem in the district in which their interests are centered. A. D. Bennett, deceased, was born in Morrow county January 16, 1834, his parents being Seeley and Lydia (Cook) Bennett, the former a native of New York and the latter of New Jersey. The family consisted of ten children, whose names were: Daniel, Josiah, Townsend, Jonathan, Andrew, Phoebe, Caroline, Sener, Charlotte and A. D. The latter lived at home, assisting his father in farming and stock-raising until the time of his marriage, which happy event occurred May 1, 1878. The lady of his choice was Miss Sarah E. Robeson, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Roof) Robeson, who were descended from good old Virginia ancestry. Joseph Robeson and his wife emigrated from Virginia to Ohio at an early day and located in Knox county, where they reared and educated a fine family of eleven children.

Joseph Robeson was born in Frostberg, Virginia, February 3, 1801. He was possessed of those sterling qualities which won for him the highest esteem of the community wherein he spent the greater part of his useful and active life. A man of the highest sense of honor, he was universally respected and he and his good wife exercised a careful judgment in rearing their children—one of the most important duties of good citizenship. He loved the free, wholesome life of the open and greatly enjoyed the sport of hunting in which he was remarkably skilled and successful. His musket brought down the last bear that was ever killed in Knox county.

He lived ten years longer than the psalmist's allotment of years, his demise occurring August 2, 1881. His wife, who preceded him by some years to the Great Beyond, died in March, 1863. She was born April 6, 1805, at Winchester, Virginia. Their family growing up to be honored men and women of sterling worth, filled numerous positions of trust, and always commanded the respect of the communities in which they moved. Their names were Calvin, Solomon, Thomas and Lyman, the latter dying in 1910, a retired farmer at Seattle, Washington.

The next son of the Robeson family was Sherman, who graduated in the study of medicine and became a successful practicing physician of Canton, Ohio. The others were Fletcher, Elizabeth, Matilda and Alonzo, who was a successful horseman of Loudonville, Ohio; and Angeline, who married Jonathan Bennett, a brother of A. D. Bennett, who was considered one of the most estimable women of Morrow county.

The remaining one was Sarah, the youngest of the Robeson family. After her marriage to A. D. Bennett they settled on the old Bennett homestead at Vail's Corners, where they spent their entire wedded life. The husband's occupation was farming and stock-raising. Being a successful business man of fine integrity of character, his judgment was often sought in matters of public and private interest, and his high sense of honor made him a friend to be relied upon. There was born to this worthy couple a son, whom they named Arthur, his natal day being November 26, 1881, and whose presence added greatly to the sunshine and joy of their home. In 1897 Mr. Bennett's health failed and on July 31, of that year his death occurred. His funeral cortege was one of the largest ever witnessed in this section, those who assembled to do honor to his memory attesting to his large circle of friends. Among them were the Knights of Pythias, of Marengo, Ohio, of which he was a charter member. Representatives of the same lodge were also present from numerous other towns.

Thus bereft, the widow removed from the home for a time with her son Arthur, but when sixteen years of age he longed for the old home, to which they returned. He assumed the management of the homestead, depending upon his mother for counsel. Their friends feared that he was too young for such a trust, but with youthful zeal and determination from year to year he grew more successful and surer of himself. He engaged principally in the handling of sheep and horses, taking especial pride in the latter and making a specialty of the buying and matching of teams. In fact, he has sold some of the finest matched teams which ever went out of this section.

Mrs. Bennett and her son are honored members of the Vail's Corners Advent Christian church, and to their liberality the church is indebted for the fine location of ground donated by them. Mrs. Bennett is a most estimable and honored woman, public-spirited

and a royal hostess, always taking an active interest in every social and religious movement that means an uplift to the community. Her rare good judgment, genial manners and pleasant smile make her one whose companionship is ever sought by those who prize association with this world's truest and best.

THEODORE BROWN.—For nearly thirty-six years has Theodore Brown been numbered among the representative and highly esteemed citizens of Mount Gilead where he is engaged in the popular work of photography. Mr. Brown is a native son of the fine old Buckeye state, his birth having occurred in Cumberland, Guernsey county, Ohio, on the 23rd of February, 1846. He is a son of Moses M. and Eliza (Ebersole) Brown, the former of whom was born in 1815, in the state of Ohio, and the latter in 1817, also in Ohio. The father was a minister of the Presbyterian church, and he was summoned to the life eternal in 1853, at the age of thirty-six years, the mother surviving until 1903, when her death occurred at the venerable age of eighty-six years. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Theodore is the immediate subject of this review; Chalmers is in Indianapolis, president of the railroad brotherhood association; and Mary is deceased. Theodore Brown grew up on the home farm and was afforded the advantages of the graded schools at Frederick, Ohio, which he continued to attend until he attained to his legal majority. He was a child of but seven years of age at the time of his father's death.

After leaving school Mr. Brown went west with a civil engineering corps and he was identified with that line of enterprise in Dakota for the ensuing three years, at the expiration of which he returned to Ohio, locating in Crawford county, where he pursued the profession of photography. He resided at Crestline, Crawford county, Ohio, for two years and thereafter was engaged as a journeyman photographer at different points in Ohio for several years. He came to Mount Gilead, Morrow county, in 1875, and here established himself in the photograph business, in which he has been engaged during the long intervening years to the present time. His finely equipped studio is one of the most attractive in the county and as such caters to and commands a very select trade. He owns considerable real estate in Mount Gilead and is one of the directors in the People's Savings Bank in this city.

At Mount Gilead, in the year 1880, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Brown to Miss Anna Dumble, who was born and reared at Marengo county, Ohio, a daughter of John Dumble. Mr. and Mrs. Brown became the parents of four children, two of whom are deceased. Of the two living, Simms is a mechanical engineer and is in the employ of the Buckeye Traction Ditcher Company, at Findlay, Ohio. He was graduated in Buchtel College, at Akron Ohio, as a member of the class of 1903. He wedded Miss Louise Horix, and they made a trip to Germany in 1910, visiting Switzer-

land and other parts of Europe. He has traveled twenty thousand miles in 1910. Mrs. Brown was a graduate of Buchtel College in the class of 1903. Albert Brown was likewise graduated in Buchtel College, class of 1906, and he is now a civil engineer at Medford, Oregon. Mrs. Brown was summoned to the life eternal in 1907, deeply mourned by a circle of loving and devoted friends.

Although never an active participant in political affairs Mr. Brown is aligned as a stalwart supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and he has done much to further progress and development in this section of the state. He is connected with the Masonic Order at Mount Gilead. His wife attended and gave her support to the Universalist church. As a citizen Mr. Brown is public-spirited and sincere and he is locally known as a business man of unquestioned honesty and fair and honorable methods.

ELWOOD BUNKER.—A representative agriculturist of Morrow county, Elwood Bunker is a well known resident of Peru township and the worthy descendant of one of its early pioneer families. A native of this section of the state, he was born June 15, 1846, in Cardington township, a son of Reuben Bunker.

Peleg Bunker, his paternal grandfather, migrated from New York state to Ohio in 1803, locating in what is now Peru township, Morrow county. He was a poor man, with no capital save willing hands and a courageous heart. He was a millwright, and followed that trade in conjunction with farming for many years. He married Hannah Benedict, and they reared a family consisting of six sons and three daughters, as follows: Elihu, born March 29, 1807; Lucy, born August 22, 1808; Reuben, born May 1, 1810; Isaac, born August 1, 1813; Lydia, born March 6, 1815; Mary, born January 16, 1817; Silas, born January 31, 1819; Jethro, born August 21, 1821; and David, born March 15, 1824.

Reuben Bunker was educated in the typical pioneer schools of Morrow county, and spent his life in Cardington and Peru townships. He took much interest in local matters, and had the distinction of serving as the first postmaster at Cardington. He married Lucretia White, one of his early playmates, and of the children born of their union six grew to years of maturity, namely: Byron, born July 4, 1840; Elmora, born July 12, 1844; Elwood, the subject of this sketch; Frances, born March 11, 1849; Emma, born August 17, 1853; and Eva, born August 29, 1855.

After leaving the district schools Elwood E. Bunker continued his studies at Lebanon, Ohio, and at Oberlin, Ohio, acquiring an excellent education. During the progress of the Civil war, his patriotic spirit was aroused, and in June, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with his regiment participated in several engagements of note. On December 4, 1864, he was wounded at the battle of Overhall Creek, and was taken to the hospital. He subsequently rejoined his regiment, and served until the close of the war, when

he was honorably discharged. He now receives a pension of twenty-four dollars a month for his brave services during the conflict. Since his return to civil life, Mr. Bunker has been engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has met with encouraging success, his labors being amply rewarded by his abundant annual crops of cereals.

On June 13, 1872, Mr. Bunker married Alice Sage, who was born near Mt. Liberty, Knox county, Ohio, April 11, 1850, a daughter of Alvin and Mary (Bishop) Sage. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bunker, namely: Clyde A., born July 10, 1873; Mary L., born August 1, 1875, is the wife of Fred B. Reed; and Edna M., born October 12, 1879, married Webb H. Hubble. Mr. and Mrs. Bunker have also six grandchildren, in which they take great pleasure. They are most estimable people, highly respected for their many noble traits of character, and are sincere members of the Quaker church. Politically Mr. Bunker is a staunch Republican, and for many terms has rendered efficient service as a member of the local school board. He belongs to Hurd Post, No. 114, G. A. R., and to Marengo Lodge, No. 216, K. of P. For two years he was president of the Morrow County Agricultural Society, and for several years was one of its directors.

ADAM CLOUSE.—Numbered among the skilful and prosperous agriculturists of Morrow county is Adam Clouse, who owns and occupies a valuable farm in Canaan township, which is near the place of his birth, the date thereof being March 22, 1855. During his half century and more of life, which has been passed in this vicinity, he has won for himself an enviable reputation as an honest man and a good citizen, and as one who has contributed his full quota towards the advancement of one of the best counties in Ohio. His father, Peter Clouse, was born in Switzerland in 1814, and when eleven years of age came to the United States with his parents locating in what is now Canaan township, Morrow county, Ohio, where his father took up a tract of government land. Here he grew to manhood and subsequently engaged in farming on his own account. He married Mrs. Nancy (Apt) Garster, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and of the eight children born of their union Adam, the subject of this brief sketch, is the sole survivor.

Attending the district school during the days of his boyhood and youth, Adam Clouse obtained a practical knowledge of the common branches of learning and when ready to start in life for himself chose the free and independent occupation of a farmer. Laboring with unremitting industry, he has met with richly deserved success as a general farmer and stock raiser, his fine farm of one hundred and fifteen acres being advantageously located one and one-fourth miles north of Denmark. His homestead is under a high state of cultivation, and with its improvements and appoint-

ments is considered one of the choice estates of this part of the county. In 1905 Mr. Clouse added to the value and attractiveness of his estate by the erection of a fine residence, which contains all of the modern conveniences and improvements, and invariably elicits words of praise from the passing traveler.

Mr. Clouse married, in 1877, Martha A. Overly, who was born July 8, 1859, in Ross county, Ohio, and was there educated in the common schools. Her parents, Elisha and Lucinda (Kinnamon) Overly, died in early life, leaving two children, a son and a daughter. Left motherless when but three years of age and fatherless at the age of twelve years, Mrs. Clouse and her brother were brought up by an aunt, who did the best she could for them until they were able to look out for themselves. Mrs. Clouse came to Canaan township when a girl of seventeen years, and a year or so later married Mr. Clouse. Two children have blessed their union, namely: Ada B., born June 20, 1879, is the wife of Charles I. Reed, of Canaan township; and Elsie May, born February 25, 1895, is a student in the public schools.

A Democrat in his political affiliations, Mr. Clouse has served as township treasurer and as road supervisor, and at the present writing is a member of the local school board. Fraternally he belongs to Calanthia Lodge No. 116, K. of P., of Caledonia, Ohio. He is an active and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church of North Canaan, of which he is a trustee and a steward and a teacher in its Sunday School.

LEE S. CUNARD.—Many of the ablest men in America are ardent devotees of the great basic industry of agriculture and it is well that this is so because the various learned professions are rapidly becoming so crowded with inefficient practitioners that in a few years it will be practically impossible for any but the exceptionally talented man to make good or even to gain a competent living therein. The independent farmer who in addition to tilling the soil cultivates his mind and retains his health is a man much to be envied in the days of strenuous bustle and nervous energy. He lives his life as he chooses and is always safe from financial ravages and other troubles of the so-called "cliff dweller." An able and representative agriculturist who has much to advance progress and conserve prosperity in Morrow county, Ohio, is Lee S. Cunard, who owns and operates a finely improved farm in Lincoln township.

Lee S. Cunard was born in Lincoln township, near Fulton, Morrow county, Ohio, the date of his birth being October 1, 1881. He is a son of Alexander H. and Virginia A. (Craven) Cunard, both of whom are now deceased and both of whom were born and reared in Loudoun county, Virginia, whence they came to the old Buckeye state of the Union in an early day. Judge Stephen T. Cunard, grandfather of him whose name initiates this review, was

born in Loudoun county, Virginia, on the 3rd of February, 1803. In early life Judge Cunard entered upon an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade; his preliminary educational training was of a primitive nature but in due time he supplemented the same with extensive reading and eventually became a learned man. He was a son of Edward and Edith (Thatcher) Cunard, both of whom were likewise natives of the Old Dominion state. Edward Cunard sacrificed his life in the war of 1812, in which he was a lieutenant. He witnessed the entrance of the British troops into the national capital and participated in many important battles marking the progress of the war. Prior to his military service he was a civil engineer, in which profession he prosecuted a good livelihood. His father was Edward Cunard, Sr., a gallant soldier in the war of the Revolution. The Cunard family traces its ancestry back to the Hirsts, of Yorkshire, England, the original progenitor of the name in America having come to this country in the year 1680, location having been made in the vicinity of Baltimore, Maryland.

The paternal grandmother of Lee S. Cunard, of this review, was Vashti B. (James) Cunard, a native of Loudon county, Virginia, born in 1805. She was a daughter of David and Charlotte (Bradfield) James, who came to Ohio at an early day. The marriage of Judge Cunard to Vashti B. James was solemnized in Virginia on the 26th of November, 1826, and they removed to Ohio in 1835, settling in the wilds of Lincoln township, Morrow county, then known as Delaware county. The trip across the mountains into Ohio was made in an old fashioned carry-all, in which were driven the mother and small children, together with such portable goods as the family possessed, the father walking the entire distance. Judge Cunard secured a farm of about one hundred acres near Mt. Gilead and there constructed a rude log house, which was the family habitation for a number of years. He was a Whig in politics originally, but later gave his allegiance to the Republican party. At the time of the organization of Morrow county, in 1848, Stephen T. Cunard was appointed associate judge of the court of common pleas and later he became a member of the state board of equalization for the senatorial district comprising the counties of Knox and Morrow. At the time of the inception of the Civil war he aligned himself as a staunch supporter of the Union cause and he was a man of prominence and influence throughout his entire life in Ohio. He was summoned to eternal rest on the 3rd of March, 1881, his cherished and devoted wife having passed away on the 6th of May, 1871.

To Judge and Mrs. Cunard were born four sons and two daughters, concerning whom the following brief data is here incorporated: Mary C., became the wife of Orman Kingman, of Lincoln township; Captain Ludwell M. was long engaged in farming in Morrow county; Henry E. is deceased; Thomas C., resides near Fulton, this county; Alexander H., was the father of

the subject of this review; and Amanda E., who married Dr. A. E. Westbrook, of Ashley, is deceased. All of the sons were soldiers in the Union army in the Civil war, Ludwell M. and Alexander H. having been members of the Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Henry E. was a member of Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and he lost his life in the battle of Perryville on the 8th of October, 1862. Thomas C. was a soldier in the One Hundred and Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Alexander H. Cunard was born on the 22nd of August, 1845, and he was a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Virginia A. Craven and they became the parents of two children: Orria V., who resides with the subject of this sketch; and Lee S., to whom this article is dedicated. The mother is a descendant of an old Virginia family and she long survived her honored husband and died on the 14th of September, 1909. As previously noted, the father was a soldier in the Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war. From the effects of extreme exposure suffered at the battle of Stone river he contracted pulmonary consumption and as a result of this dread malady he died in 1886.

Lee S. Cunard was reared to adult age on the old home farm on which he now resides, and he received his education in the public schools of Lincoln township. He was a child of but four years of age at the time of his father's death and as he was an only son he was early obliged to assume the practical responsibilities of life. He relieved his mother of the management of the old farmstead and he and his sister continued to maintain their home with the aged mother until her death, in 1909. The sister now keeps house and Mr. Cunard works and manages the farm. Orria V. owns seventy-three acres of land in Lincoln township, where they reside, and Mr. Cunard has a farm of eighty-seven acres near Cardington. The sister is a woman of most gracious personality, is prominent in charitable work in this section and is a zealous member of the Baptist church.

In his political adherency Mr. Cunard is a stanch advocate of the principles promulgated by the Republican party and while he has never manifested aught of ambition for political preferment of any description he is ever on the alert to help along any measure advanced for the good of the community and the county at large. He is a general farmer and stock-raiser and holds prestige as one of the ablest agriculturists in Lincoln township. Fraternally he is affiliated with Bennington Lodge, No. 433, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Lee Cunard is now a student in the Landon School of Art and Cartooning, at Cleveland, Ohio, and he has been a student therein for two years. He is a man of philanthropical tendencies and he and his sister are prominent and popular factors in connection with the best social activities of the community. They are both unmarried.

JACOB EKELBERRY.—A native of the old Buckeye state and a representative of one of its sterling pioneer families, Jacob Ekelberry has lived a life of uprightness and usefulness and was long and successfully identified with the great basic industries of farming and stockgrowing, through association with which lines of enterprise he gained distinctive success. He is now living virtually retired on an attractive little homestead of thirteen acres, lying adjacent to the village of Cardington, and in the county that has so long been his home and the scene of his well directed endeavors he is held in unqualified confidence and esteem, his standing in the community being such as to entitle him to representation in this publication.

Jacob Ekelberry was born on a farm in Brown township, Delaware county, Ohio, on the 13th of September, 1841, and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Whiteman) Ekelberry, both of whom were born and reared in Pennsylvania, where their marriage was solemnized. The father was a son of Jacob Ekelberry, who was of staunch German ancestry and who finally removed from Pennsylvania to Muskingum county, Ohio, where he developed an excellent farm and where he and his wife passed the residue of their lives, honored by all who knew them. He was a man of sturdy integrity and marked industry and he was one of the worthy pioneers of Muskingum county, to whose social and material advancement he contributed his quota. Jacob Ekelberry (II), father of him whose name initiates this review and who bears the full patronymic, remained in Pennsylvania for some time after his marriage and then came with his cherished and devoted wife to Ohio. For a few years he maintained his home in Fairfield county, and he then removed to Delaware county, where he reclaimed a farm and won independence and definite prosperity through his indefatigable industry and good management. On the homestead both he and his wife continued to reside until they were summoned to the life eternal, and their names merit an enduring place on the roll of honored pioneers of this favored section of the state. The mother was a member of the Baptist church. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom four sons and five daughters were reared to years of maturity, and of the number three are now living: Sarah, who is the wife of George Ferguson, residing near St. Joseph, Missouri; Mary, who is the wife of John Heverlo, of Delaware county, Ohio, and Jacob, who figures as the immediate subject of this sketch.

Jacob Ekelberry, the only surviving son in this large family, gained his initial experiences in connection with the work of the home farm and the conditions that compassed his boyhood were those of what may be termed the middle-pioneer period of the history of this section of the state. He found his early educational advantages those afforded in the somewhat primitive district schools, but he has profited largely by the lessons gained under the

direction of the wise headmaster, experience, and is a man of broad mental ken and mature judgment, the while he has exemplified most effectively the wholesome traditions of the family name, which has ever been exponent of intergrity, loyalty and unassuming worth. There has been nothing complex or dramatic in his career as one of the world's noble army of workers, but his course has been sincere, sane and earnest, marked by appreciation of the duties and responsibilities that canopy every life, and the result is shown in the impregnable vantage place he holds in the confidence and regard of his fellow men. Mr. Ekelberry purchased his homestead farm in Westfield township, Morrow county, and through his well directed energies he developed the same into one of the valuable properties of the county, making the best of improvements and giving his attention to diversified agriculture and stock-growing. His landed estate, comprising eighty acres, he sold in 1911 and he has now established himself in the attractive home which he has purchased contiguous to the village of Cardington, where he is enabled to enjoy the gracious rewards of former years of earnest endeavor. The place comprises thirteen acres, as already stated, and he will thus find opportunity to touch in a moderate way the cultivation of the soil, his love for which has become reinforced by long years of close association.

Though never desirous of entering the turbulence of practical politics, Mr. Ekelberry has ever stood ready to lend his influence and cooperation in the support of measures tending to advance the general welfare of the community and he is aligned as a staunch supporter of the basic principles of the Democratic party. Both he and his wife have been for many years zealous members of the Marlboro Baptist church, which is one of the oldest in Delaware county and near which their homestead farm is located.

The domestic relations of Mr. Ekelberry have been of the most ideal order, as his cherished and devoted wife has been a true helpmeet as they have passed side by side along the journey of life, sustained and comforted by mutual sympathy and abiding affection. On the 24th of December, 1863, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ekelberry to Miss Maria E. Redman, who was born in Brown township, Delaware county, Ohio, on the 23rd of October, 1845, and who is the daughter of Aaron and Drusilla (Dix) Redman, the former of whom was born in the state of Virginia, where he was reared to maturity and whence he came to Delaware county, Ohio, when a young man, his marriage being here solemnized. His wife was a daughter of David and Mary (Main) Dix. David Dix was a son of Elijah Dix, who was born and reared in the highlands of Scotland and who immigrated to America about the year 1750. He located about thirty miles north of the city of New York and there passed the remainder of his life. A number of his descendants have attained to distinction in public, professional and business life, including the late General

John A. Dix, at one time governor of New York, as well as Honorable John A. Dix, the present governor of that state, and Reverend John M. Dix, D. D., a prominent member of the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal church. Elijah Dix, the progenitor of the family in America, married Margaret Clark, who was of English parentage. He was distinctively loyal to the land of his adoption, as is well shown by the fact that he served as a valiant soldier in the Continental line in the war of the Revolution. In this connection he was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, at Yorktown. Later he established his home in Vermont, but he finally removed to Pennsylvania. David Dix, grandfather of Mrs. Ekelberry, was one of the sterling pioneers of Delaware county, Ohio, where he took up his abode in 1808, a few years after the admission of the state to the Union. He secured a tract of heavily timbered land in Troy township, where he reclaimed a farm from the wilderness, besides which he had the distinction of being the first permanent settler of that township. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Main, was a representative of a family that gave a number of valiant soldiers and at least one officer to the patriotic forces in the war of the Revolution.

In conclusion is entered brief record concerning the four children of Mr. and Mrs. Ekelberry. Stephen A., Joanna E., Bertha L. and Kittie M. Stephen A., who was afforded good educational advantages, having been educated in the schools of Delaware, Ohio, and at Kenyon Military Academy, at Gambier, is a master mechanic and resides in the city of Delaware. He married Miss Sylvia Catherine Jacoby, and they had two children: Gladys Marie, who died in infancy, and Jay Redman, educated in the schools of Delaware, who is a promising young man, and a member of Company K, Ohio National Guards. Joanna E., after completing her public school education received training in art and took a course in music in the Ohio Wesleyan University, and was a successful teacher for a number of years. She first married Emmet M. Wickham, and by this marriage has one son, Joy Carrollton, now a veterinary surgeon, who received his education at the Ohio State University. She is now the wife of Frank L. Woods, and resides in Graceton, Texas, and has two sons, Francis Jacob and Joseph Patrick. Bertha L., who remains at the parental home, was graduated in the high school of Delaware, and also took courses in music and art at the Ohio Wesleyan University; Kittie M., who is also at home, after completing the course in the public schools continued her studies in music and art, and she, like her sisters, is a lady of culture and of most gracious personality, the family having been one of prominence in connection with the social activities of the home community.

HARPER FLEMING.—When it is stated that this well known and highly esteemed agriculturist and stock-grower of Peru township

is a representative of the third generation of the Fleming family in Morrow county it becomes evident that he bears a name that has been identified with the history of this favored section of the Buckeye state since the early pioneer epoch, and it may further be stated that on the maternal side also he is of the third generation in Morrow county, within whose borders the respective families settled prior to its organization under the present name. As a citizen of sterling worth and as one who has attained to marked priority in connection with the important industrial lines to which he has given his allegiance Mr. Fleming is well entitled to definite recognition in this history of his native county, to whose civic and material progress he has contributed, even as his father and both his paternal and maternal grandfathers. His fine landed estate, comprising one hundred and two acres, is known as Long View Stock Farm, and the beautiful rural home occupies a site whose eminence is such as to afford a commanding view of the surrounding country within a radius of about three miles. His is one of the model farms of the county and his indefatigable energy and progressive methods have brought to him unqualified success in his various operations, the while he has stood exponent of the most loyal citizenship and of distinctive public spirit.

Harper Fleming was born in Peru township, Morrow county, on the 28th of August, 1862, and in the same fine township which is his present place of abode were also born his parents, James and Rachel (Haverlo) Fleming, the respective dates of nativity having been January 27, 1824, and August 15, 1830. The father has given his allegiance to agriculture and stock-growing throughout his entire active career and he and his wife, now venerable in years, live with their children. Both are well known in this section of the state, which has ever been their home, and they have secured an impregnable place in the confidence and esteem of those with whom they have come in contact in the various relations of life. Of their nine children he whose name introduces this sketch was the seventh in order of birth and of the others three sons and one daughter are now living.

Harper Fleming was reared to the sturdy discipline of the old homestead farm and is indebted to the common schools of the locality and period for his early educational training, the greater part of which was received during the winter terms, when his services were not in requisition in connection with the work of the farm. He has never wavered in his allegiance to the great basic industry under whose influence he was reared, and through the same he has found ample opportunity for effective enterprise. He has kept in close touch with the march of advancement and has availed himself of scientific methods and progressive ideas in both the agricultural and stock-growing departments of his productive operations, with the result that he is recognized as one of the essentially representative farmers and stock-growers of the county that

has ever been his home and to whose every interest he is loyal. He initiated his independent career when a young man by teaching school for a number of years, afterward taking up farming, and he has resided upon his present homestead for many years, in the meanwhile putting forth the best effort in developing and improving the place. He makes a specialty of the raising of high-grade live stock and through this medium has gained high reputation for the success of his operations. The buildings and other permanent improvements on his farm are of the best order and everything about the place bears patent evidence of thrift and prosperity.

In politics Mr. Fleming is found aligned as a staunch supporter of the cause of the Democratic party and he has wielded much influence in connection with public affairs of a local order. He has exemplified the most progressive ideas and policies and he was the principal factor in securing the petition for and bringing about the construction of the Fleming stone road, a fine highway extending from Ashley to Stantontown, Morrow county—a distance of five and one-half miles. He has served with marked efficiency and acceptability as assessor of Peru township and also as deputy county supervisor of elections, besides which he has otherwise been active in connection with public affairs in the county.

Mr. Fleming has been twice married. In 1886 he wedded Miss Jennie Foster and she was summoned to the life eternal on the 26th of August, 1901. Concerning the children of this union the following brief record is entered: Gussie A., who was born on the 23rd of May, 1887, was graduated in the high school at Pleasantville, Fairfield county, as a member of the class of 1905, and thereafter was for two years a student in Shepherdson College, at Granville, Licking county. She is now principal of the high school at Basil, Fairfield county, and is proving a successful and popular teacher. Ollie R., the second daughter, who was born August 15, 1891, was graduated in the commercial department of Oberlin College, as a member of the class of 1911, and she holds a lucrative position with a Cleveland business firm. Junia E., was born on the 20th of August, 1895. On the 3rd of August, 1902, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Mrs. Gladys (Jenkins) Whipple, widow of Albert Whipple and a daughter of Silas Jenkins, a well known citizen of Ashley, Morrow county, a village about four and one-half miles distant from the homestead farm of Mr. Fleming. The one child of the second marriage is Wade E., who was born on the 29th of August, 1904. Mr. Fleming and his family are popular factors in connection with the social activities of the community, and the attractive home is known for its cordial hospitality.

ORVILLE HULSE.—A well-known resident of Sparta, Orval Hulse occupies an assured position among the substantial citizens of Morrow county. A son of Reuben Hulse, he was born, Novem-

ber 16, 1852, in Morrow county, being the descendant of one of its early pioneers. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Hulse, who married Leah Hervey, spent his entire life in New York state, dying at an early age. His widow, with her two children, a son, Reuben, and a daughter, came to Ohio, and settled on a farm in Morrow county.

Coming with his mother and sister to Morrow county in the early part of the nineteenth century, Reuben Hulse assisted in the establishment of a home, and remained with his mother until his marriage, April 2, 1827, at the age of twenty-seven years, to Susan Hewett. She was born in Pennsylvania, and came with her parents, Cyrus and Serena (Sherman) Hewett, to Knox county, Ohio, when a girl. He subsequently located on a farm, and was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Morrow county until 1880, when he removed to Sparta, where he lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of labor, until his death, 1889. He was an active member of the Republican party, and served as county coroner, township trustee, and for several years was a member of the local school board. Four children were born to him and his wife, as follows: a child that died in infancy; Amarilla, deceased; Orville, the special subject of this sketch; and Eva, born April 27, 1859.

Until 1909 Orville Hulse resided with his widowed mother and his sister, but since that time has lived in Sparta, where he is held in high regard as a man and a citizen, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellows to a marked degree. A warm supporter of the principles of the Republican party, he has held various township offices, and has served on the village board, filling the various positions to which he has been elected with ability, and fidelity.

Mr. Hulse married, in 1885, Amarilla Wheatecraft, who was born October 22, 1860, a daughter of Henry Wheatecraft. Guy Hewett Hulse, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Hulse, was born May 9, 1886, and is now residing in Galion, Ohio, where he is agent for the Mutual Insurance Company. He is married, and has one child.

THE GROVE FAMILY.—Other men's services to the people and state can be measured by definite deeds, by dangers averted, by legislation secured, by institutions built, by commerce promoted. What a minister accomplishes is through the influence of speech and written words and personal character, an influence whose value is not to be reckoned with mathematical exactness but which may be worth more by far than material benefits to the one affected by it. At this point attention is directed to the helpful and inspiring careers of Wilson and Mary Grove, earnest workers and preachers in the Advent Christian church, in which they were ordained in 1887.



Yours for truth.

Mrs. M. Groves.

The original Grove ancestor in America was Hans Graff (John Grove), who was born and reared in Holland, whence he immigrated to America in an early day. He was the father of seven sons, who settled in Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio. Prominent among these were Peter and Michael, of Bald Eagle, Pennsylvania. At the time when these boys were growing up the old Keystone state suffered severely from Indian depredations. At one time a company of hunters, returning home, was met by a band of Indians, who, during their absence, had laid waste the settlement. Among the hunters were Peter and Michael Grove, then young men, to whom the Indians showed their parents' scalps, making grimaces of the face to show how they looked while being scalped. The Grove boys, with others, swore vengeance on the Indians and for years hunted them like animals. Returning to their home they found it in ruins and with one companion they followed the Indians for three days, eventually finding them in the midst of the wilderness. Creeping upon them at night, while they were asleep on the banks of a creek, where they had stacked their arms, Peter, who could speak the Indian language, called out, "Surround them, boys," at the same time throwing the Indians' arms into the creek. The three boys aimed and fired their guns and the Indians, taken by surprise, were routed and a number slain. It is interesting at this point to note that Grove township, in Pennsylvania, was named in honor of these brave boys, who protected the settlement.

Peter Grove's son, John, married Mary Welch, of Pennsylvania, and to them was born a son, Peter, who was united in marriage to Jane Foster. The children born to the latter union were: Mary, Jennie, Clara, Jane, Henrietta, Alice, Wilson and W. F. Wilson Grove wedded Mary Eakin, a daughter of Alexander McQuistan and Catherine (Pettigrew) Eakin, the ceremony having been performed at Chapmanville, on the 1st of March, 1877. Wilson Grove was born on his father's farm, a farm two miles from Chapmanville, the date of his birth being the 3rd of September, 1849. He was reared to maturity on the old Grove homestead farm near Chapmanville and received his early educational training in the public schools of his native place. Mrs. Wilson Grove was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, on the 1st of March, 1859. Her father, A. M. Eakin, was a soldier in the Civil war, having been enlisted in the One Hundred and Seventy-ninth New York Volunteer Infantry, in 1862. He participated in a number of important engagements marking the progress of the war and after three years' of faithful and valorous service contracted typhoid fever from too much exposure during the unsanitary conditions of the war, meeting death in a hospital at City Point, Virginia. He passed away at the early age of twenty-eight years and was survived by a widow and two daughters, Mary, now Mrs. Grove; and Lula, who is the wife of H. A. Chase, of Youngsville, Penn-

sylvania. Mary (Eakin) Grove passed her girlhood in the old Keystone state and as a young woman she became a student in the State Normal School, at Edinboro, Pennsylvania. After her marriage to Mr. Wilson Grove, they settled down at Chapmanville, Pennsylvania, where they became the parents of one son, Don Welcome, whose birth occurred on the 7th of September, 1887. With the passage of time Mr. and Mrs. Grove became deeply interested in religious work, their attention being given specially to the Advent Christian church, in which they were ordained as ministers in the year 1887. Thereafter they held several charges in Pennsylvania, namely: Chapmanville, Wallaceville, East Branch, Eldred, Center and Blooming Valley. In 1894 the Grove family removed to Ohio, locating at Sparta, Mrs. Grove's widowed mother, Mrs. Eakin, accompanying them. In the Ohio Conference Mr. and Mrs. Grove had charges at Sparta, Stantontown and East Porter. They also held a number of tent meetings—one at Mount Liberty, lasting two months, where Elder Grove baptized sixty-eight persons and where eventually they organized a church, of ninety-nine members, and erected a beautiful church. The meeting held at Mount Liberty was said to have been the best ever held in that part of the country; its influence was far-reaching for good. Other tent meetings were held by the Groves, one at Vale's Corners, where they built and dedicated a fine church. Another was held at Claybourn, in Union county, Ohio, where another church stands as a lasting monument of thorough work. Tent meetings were also held at Olive Green, Marengo and Old Eden. During all these years the presence of Mrs. Grove's mother in her home, to cooperate and counsel with, was a source of great comfort to her. Mrs. Eakin was known far and wide as "Annt Kate" and was deeply beloved because of her kindness of heart and cheery disposition. Although an invalid, she was ever forgetful of herself, always planning for the pleasure and happiness of others. After a brief illness this precious mother, at the age of sixty-four years, fell asleep for the last time, her demise occurring on the 19th of January, 1902. Thus the light of the old home went out.

While Mr. and Mrs. Grove were filling a five-years' pastorate at Nevada, Ohio, an incident occurred which changed the trend of public thought in regard to the saloon element, of which the town apparently approved. A little boy, who waited in front of a saloon one cold night for his father, died from the exposure. This occurrence made a lasting impression on the hearts of the townspeople. Mr. and Mrs. Grove began at once to awaken public sentiment for the abolition of the saloons and for the protection of their sons and daughters. Mrs. Grove accordingly issued a call to temperance workers and organized a branch of the Womens Christian Temperance Union, the same consisting of eighty members, of which body she was chosen president. The mayor of

Nevada, Henry Kingsley, a fine temperance man, the bankers and all the best business men of the village became honorary members of the Union and public sentiment was aroused to a marked degree. Subsequently an election was called and for the first time in the entire history of Nevada, the saloon was voted out. Mrs. Grove received numerous letters of congratulation from prominent state workers for her particular part in the good work.

In 1905 Mrs. Grove visited the Pacific coast and falling in love with the majestic scenery decided to establish the family home temporarily at Rosa, Idaho. Later she did Evangelistic work at Seattle, Snohomish and Trafton. While at Seattle she learned of an Advent Christian church in Vancouver, the members of which did not favor women preachers. As their pulpit was vacant, Mrs. Grove decided to visit them for one Sunday and finally at their request remained three weeks longer, at the expiration of which time they gave her an unanimous call for pastor. The trustees reported her visit to the church paper, saying she was the ablest woman preacher they had ever heard preach the glorious gospel of Christ. Following is the letter as it appeared in the Advocate of Oakland, California.

"Vancouver, B. C., April 28, 1909.

"Dear Brother Young:

"We take this opportunity of writing you a few lines. We had the pleasure of a visit from Sister M. Grove, of Ohio. She preached for us for three Sundays. We enjoyed her visit very much; she did us good. May God bless her great heart of love. She is the ablest woman we ever heard preach the glorious gospel. She preached one sermon at one of the missions and two young men came out on the Lord's side. May the Lord bless her.

"Your brothers in Christ,

"Robert A. Muir.

"Thomas Lobb, Trustees."

Another article of appreciation concerning Mrs. Grove's services appeared in the Advocate, under date of June 13, 1909, and the same is considered worthy of reproduction in this sketch.

"The recent notice in the Advocate concerning the work of Sister M. Grove in Washington brings to my mind the time of her first appearance in Snohomish, where I had the pleasure of hearing her. However prejudiced one might be against a woman preacher, it would be entirely dispelled after hearing one of her sermons. For she presents the Word, modestly but forcefully, in sweetness but convincingly, so that when she has finished her theme the hearer must either receive or reject the message. I wish she might be secured as a permanent worker in the Washington Conference. But whenever the Lord calls her I believe she will do most acceptable work for God.

"In the Master's service,

"Reverend Charles P. Kittredge,

"Pastor of Snohomish A. C. church."

Mrs. Grove is considered a woman of strong personality and she is everywhere accorded recognition as an eloquent and forcible speaker. While pastor of the John Day Advent church in Oregon, Mrs. Grove edited a little book entitled "Broken Links in Error's Chain," which caused more commotion among the ministry than anything they had heard for years and which was strongly opposed by religious editors and pastors. The work, advocating freedom from traditional errors, by which the human mind has been bound for centuries of tradition and superstition, insists that the Satan, which the human family has been taught is an unseen personality, should be relegated to the realms of oblivion and man made to understand that "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, etc.," thus teaching the important lesson "Know thyself." After this book was published a number of editors and preachers wrote scurrilous criticisms of it and in reply to them Mrs. Grove issued an open challenge to debate the question openly. In her quest, however, she failed to find a single man who was willing to meet her in the arena of fair and open discussion. Many broad-minded men heartily endorsed her work and from Maine to California she received hundreds of congratulatory testimonials.

While a resident of Idaho, Mrs. Grove rode her saddle horse a distance of forty miles to vote for President Taft and during the campaign she herself was elected justice of the peace in Bingham county. Mrs. Grove has acted as delegate to the state convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union both at Cleveland and at Salem, Ohio. In 1911 she was one of Morrow county's delegates to the Ohio State Sunday School Convention, held at Dayton. While a pastor in Ohio, Mrs. Grove has officiated in one hundred funerals and has solemnized a large number of marriages.

In connection with Mrs. Grove's work at John Day Advent Christian church in Oregon the following appreciative statements are here incorporated.

"In acknowledgement of the services of Sister M. Grove as our pastor for the past nine months, the John Day A. C. church desires to say, that in Sister Grove we found an earnest and congenial co-worker, and an able exponent and defender of Adventual truths, who never presents a theme without being thoroughly conversant with it. As a result our church has been strengthened, and increased in numbers, and we feel encouraged and better equipped for work because of the instructive school we have been attending.

"A fine reception was tendered Brother and Sister Grove by their friends before their leaving for their home in Sparta, Ohio. We would have been pleased to have them remain with us, and hope they may return.

"For the church at John Day, Oregon,

"F. I. McCallum, Trustee,

"J. A. Laycock, Trustee,

"M. C. Timms, S. S. Supt."

The entire careers of Mr. and Mrs. Grove have been characterized by deep human sympathy and that innate kindliness of spirit which begets comradeship and cements to them the friendship of all with whom they have come in contact. They are everywhere accorded the unalloyed confidence and high regard of their fellow citizens and their exemplary lives serve as lessons and incentive to the younger generation.

RANSOM T. BOCKOVER.—It can not be other than gratifying to note that within the gracious borders of Morrow county there yet remain many of her native sons who are scions of pioneer families of the county and who have found ample scope for productive effort along normal and beneficent lines of productive enterprise. Such a citizen is Ransom T. Bockover, who has maintained his home in Morrow county from the time of his nativity and who has here lent added prestige to a name honored in connection with the civil and material development and upbuilding of this section of the fine old Buckeye commonwealth. To his credit stands a long and active identification with the great allied industries of agriculture and stock-growing, and he continued to reside on a fine homestead of one hundred acres, in Chester township, until impaired health rendered it imperative for him to resign the cares, labors and responsibilities that had so long been his, and he thus disposed of his farm and established his home in the village of Chester-ville, where he has lived virtually retired since the opening of the twentieth century. He was one of the loyal sons of Morrow county who went forth to aid in defense of the Union in the climacteric period of the Civil war, and in the "piping times of peace" he has shown the same loyalty that prompted him thus to enter the military service of his country when he was a mere youth. His success in temporal affairs has been the direct result of his own energy and ability and his high sense of personal stewardship has been manifested in a life of signal integrity and honor, so that he has not been denied the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem in his native county, where his circle of friends is limited only by that of his acquaintances. In his pleasant home, surrounded by friends that are tried and true, he is now enjoying the well earned rewards of former years of earnest toil and endeavor.

Ransom T. Bockover was born on the old homestead farm of his father, in Chester township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 8th of December, 1846, and is a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Adams) Bockover, both natives of New Jersey, where the former was born in the year 1797 and the latter on the 24th of October, 1818, she having been a daughter of Una and Ritta Adams. Jonathan Bockover and his wife were reared to maturity in their native state, where their marriage was solemnized, and they came to Ohio about the year 1835. They numbered themselves among

the pioneers of Chester township, Morrow county, where he secured a tract of fifty acres of land, two miles south of the present thriving little town of Chesterville. He reclaimed the major portion of this tract from the forest and eventually developed the same into one of the productive farms of the county. He was a man of energy and well directed industry, and he gained independence and measurable prosperity, the while he made the best possible provision for his children and was true to all the responsibilities devolving upon him as a citizen. He was influential in local affairs of a public order and was a man of superior intelligence and broad views. He continued to reside on his old homestead until death, in 1882, at the venerable age of eighty-five years, and his cherished and devoted wife survived him by twenty years. She was summoned to the life eternal on the 17th of April, 1902, at the age of eighty-three years and six months. The names of both merit enduring place on the roll of the honored pioneers of Morrow county, where they lived and labored to goodly ends. They became the parents of eight children, whose names are here entered in the respective order of birth: James, Jacob, Ira, Isaac, Minerva, Rebecca and Ransom T. (twins), and Jason. James, Jacob and Ransom T. still survive.

Ransom T. Bockover gained his early experiences in connection with the work of the pioneer farm on which he was born, and in the meanwhile he duly availed himself of the advantages of the common schools of the locality and period. He has profited by the lessons gained through years of active association with men and affairs and is known as a man of broad information and well fortified opinions. At the inception of the Civil war he was too young to be eligible for military service, but his youthful loyalty and patriotism eventually found definite manifestation. In the month of May, 1864, when seventeen years of age, he enlisted as a private in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and with this command he served until the close of his one hundred days' term enlistment, his company having been commanded by Captain Meredith. For a considerable portion of this term he was engaged in garrison service, and he was mustered out on the 31st of August, 1864, after which he duly received his honorable discharge. In later years the government has shown recognition of his services as a soldier of the republic by according him a pension of thirty dollars a month.

During the major portion of his military career Mr. Bockover was with his regiment in the state of Virginia and after receiving his discharge he returned to Morrow county and engaged in farming on his own responsibility, in Chester township. Here he applied himself with all of energy and zeal, and in the course of years the tangible results of his well directed efforts were shown in his ownership of a well improved and highly productive farm of one hundred acres. He continued there to be actively identi-

fied with farming and stock-growing until 1900, when impaired health compelled his retirement from active labors. He met this exigency by selling his farm and he then removed to Chesterville, where he purchased the attractive residence property that has since continued to be his place of abode.

In all ways has Mr. Bockover shown a deep interest in the material and social progress of his native county, and he has thus given his cooperation and influence in support of measures and enterprises tending to further the well being of the community. In politics he maintains an independent attitude, by giving his support to the men and measures meeting the approval of his judgment rather than by following strict partisan dictates. He and his wife are zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and both have secure place in popular confidence and esteem. He has retained a definite interest in his old comrades of the Civil war and manifests the same by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

In the year 1871 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Bockover to Miss Mary K. Lanning, who was born in Chester township, Morrow county, on the 12th of May, 1851, and who is a daughter of Richard and Elizabeth Lanning, who were well known and highly esteemed pioneers of the county, where they continued to reside until their death. Mr. and Mrs. Bockover became the parents of four children, of whom the first-born, Artemas, died at the age of seven months; Carper, the second son, is individually mentioned in an appending paragraph; Alice is the wife of Charles Fitzgeralds, who is identified with the oil business in Wood county, this state; and Burton, who resides in Chesterville, follows the vocation of an auctioneer.

Carper Bockover, the second in order of birth of the children of the honored subject of this review, was born on the 21st of April, 1874, and he was reared to adult age under the sturdy discipline of the home farm. He continued to attend the district schools of Chester township at intervals until he had attained to the age of eighteen years, and he then secured employment for three months on the farm of A. L. Caton, in the same township. He continued to be variously employed until he had attained his legal majority, and soon afterward, in the year 1896, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Webb, who was born in this county, on the 15th of March, 1876, and who is a daughter of Henry and Lydia (Shaffer) Webb, both of whom were born and reared in the state of Pennsylvania. After his marriage Carper Bockover engaged in the buying and selling of horses and other live stock, and he built up an extensive and prosperous enterprise in this line, in addition to which he also conducted a well equipped meat market in Chesterville for a number of years. He has recently been giving much attention to the investigating of the agricultural advantages of the northern part of the lower peninsula of Michigan,

where he has purchased a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land and in the year 1911 he removed to that section of the Wolverine state and established his home in Lake City, Missaukee county, where he now resides. He is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity, in which he held various official chairs in the lodge at Chesterville, and both he and his wife are members of the adjunct organization, the Order of the Eastern Star, in which Mrs. Bockover was worthy matron of the Chesterville Chapter in 1910.

HARRY S. ANDREWS.—This in an age of bustle and energy and the man who succeeds in any undertaking is the one who has initiative power and general versatility. Harry S. Andrews is naturally a hustler and as optician and jeweler at Mount Gilead he has gained distinctive precedence as one of the most enterprising business men of the younger generation in this city.

Harry S. Andrews was born at Hebron, Porter county, Indiana, on the 7th of August, 1882, a son of Stillman F. and Anchor C. (Deathe) Andrews, both of whom were born in the state of Indiana. The father was a man who possessed business acumen in several vocations and seemed to make a success in each venture. He dealt in real estate and was an undertaker, as well as a good mechanic. He was a veteran in the Civil war, member of the Seventh Indiana Cavalry, and served four years. He was severely wounded while in service, and he received his honorable discharge at the close of the war. He was a devoted member of the Christian church and was one of the elders as well as organizer of the church at Hebron, Indiana. He died in 1883. The mother was also a native of Indiana. She traced her lineage to the English, although her early ancestors were of French birth. The name Deathe was spelled "De Athe." She was a devout member of the Christian church and one of its charter members. She died May 15, 1910.

To the public schools of his native town Mr. Andrews of this review is indebted for his preliminary educational training, the same including a course in the local high school, in which he was a member of the class of 1900. After leaving school he learned telegraphy and for a time was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1905 he went to the city of Chicago, where he worked for the Western Union Telegraph Company for one year, at the expiration of which he learned the baker's trade, being identified with that line of enterprise at Hebron, Indiana, for eighteen months. Thereafter he pursued a course of study in ophthalmology in the McCormick College, in Chicago, in which institution he was a student in the class of 1903. He initiated the active work of his profession at Columbia, Tennessee, where he remained for two years and where he began to learn the jewelry business. He came to Mount Gilead in 1905 and purchased the bankrupt stock of A. T. Breese, having as a partner in the business

his brother, Burton W. Andrews, whose interest he purchased in 1906. In connection with his splendid jewelry establishment he has an optician's department and in both these lines of enterprise his success is of most prominent order. He is also interested in a moving-picture show at Mount Gilead, which is a source of considerable revenue. Altogether he is a man of decided business sagacity and extraordinary energy, one for whom the future has bright promises.

At Mount Gilead, March 28, 1906, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Andrews to Miss Zella Livingston, who was born and educated in this county and who is a woman of intelligence and charm. She is a native daughter of Morrow county, and was born near Marengo, where she was a student in the Marengo High School and was also a student in the public schools at Fostoria, Ohio. She graduated from the Oberlin Business College in the class of 1901, and she is a valuable aid to her husband in his business. Mrs. Andrews is a member of the First Presbyterian church at Fostoria, Ohio. They are most popular factors in connection with the best social activities of Mount Gilead.

In politics Mr. Andrews is a staunch Republican and he is a hard worker in connection with all matters tending to advance the general welfare of the community. He was secretary of the street fair in 1910. Fraternally he is affiliated with and is secretary of Mount Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons.

THOMAS W. BABCOCK.—“Through struggles to triumph” seems to be the maxim which holds sway for the majority of our citizens and, though undeniably true that many a one falls exhausted in the conflict, a few by their inherent force of character and strong mentality rise above their environments and all which seems to hinder them until they reach the plane of affluence. Such has been the history of Thomas W. Babcock, and in his life record many useful lessons may be gleaned. Mr. Babcock resides at Marengo, Morrow county, Ohio, where he is recognized as a representative and influential business man of the most insistent order.

Thomas W. Babcock was born in Bennington township, Morrow county, on the 6th of December, 1882, a son of I. A. and Mary E. (Wheeler) Babcock. The parents are both living and maintain their home at Marengo. They became the parents of six children, namely: Ora, who is the wife of William Blair, of Mansfield, Ohio; Grace, who wedded H. S. Cruikshank, of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Lydia, who remains at the parental home; Robert D., who is a resident of Smbury, Ohio; Josephine, of Mount Gilead; and Thomas W., who is the immediate subject of this review. Mr. Babcock was reared to adult age on the home farm in Bennington township and after completing the curriculum of the district schools he attended and was graduated in the high

school at Marengo as a member of the class of 1897. For one year thereafter he was engaged in teaching school and in 1899 he turned his attention to the hay and grain business. In the latter enterprise he initiated operations with a team and wagon and a capital of fifteen dollars. With borrowed money he launched into the business world buying and selling hay and grain, and with the passage of years he built up a large and enterprising industry. At the present time, in 1911, he has offices and conducts business at Marengo, Ashley, Sunbury, Johnstown and Peerless, and his annual volume of business amounts to about two hundred thousand dollars.

In the year 1907, at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Babcock to Miss Bessie Groff, who was born and reared in the city of Dayton, Ohio, and who is a daughter of Michael and Minerva Groff. Mrs. Babcock was reared and educated in her native city and she is a woman of most pleasing personality and gracious refinement. To Mr. and Mrs. Babcock has been born one daughter, whose birth occurred on the 18th of January, 1908. Mrs. Babcock is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which institution Mr. Babcock gives a loyal support..

In politics Mr. Babcock is aligned as a stalwart in the ranks of the Republican party, and while he has never manifested aught of ambition for the honors or emoluments of public office of any description he gives most freely of his aid and influence in support of all measures and enterprises projected for the good of the general welfare. In 1910 he was appointed guardian of the John C. Lewis estate, one of the largest estates ever taken through the probate court, the bond required of him being one hundred and twelve thousand dollars. In addition to his other interests Mr. Babcock is a stockholder in the Ohio State Life Insurance Company, of Columbus, Ohio. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with Marengo Lodge, No. 216, Knights of Pythias, and with other organizations of a local character. In view of the phenomenal success attained in just a few years by this representative business man it is interesting to note that he started life with practically nothing except a spirit of pluck and a set determination to succeed. He has led an upright life, guided by honorable principles, and his fidelity to duty is unquestioned. He is a decidedly progressive business man, a genial and considerate friend and an honorable Christian gentleman, who in the community where he makes his home commands the unqualified confidence and good will of all those with whom he has come in contact..

PROFESSOR NATHAN H. BARTLETT.—The subject of this sketch was born on a farm one and one-half miles east of Mount Gilead, Ohio, January 22, 1856. Here he grew to the age of thirteen when his parents moved to a farm in North Bloomfield township, Morrow county, six miles south of Galion.

He commenced to make a hand on the farm at the age of eleven years and continued to work in summer and go to school in winter for the usual four months until the fall of 1875, when he attended a term of school at Ohio Central College, at Iberia, Ohio, where he won the first honors in arithmetic and algebra. He then returned home and taught the winter school of four months in his own district, and in the spring of 1876 went to Baldwin University, Berea, Ohio, where he spent two years in the classical course. In the meantime he taught a winter school, in what was known as the "Colmery District" two miles south of Iberia. The winter of 1878 and 1879 he taught the Bethel School, four miles northwest of Cardington, and in March, 1879, he went to Lebanon, Ohio, to attend the spring term at the National Normal University.

After teaching and going to school by turns, he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science at this last named university, July 30, 1884, and on August 6th of that year was married to Miss Cora A. Bartlett, of Cincinnati, Ohio, also a graduate of the National Normal University. He was granted a Common School Life Certificate by the Ohio State Board of Examiners in 1890, and a High School Life Certificate in 1892.

Professor Bartlett was principal of the Germantown High School at Germantown, Ohio, from 1890 to 1892, when he was elected superintendent of schools at Mount Healthy, a suburb of Cincinnati, where he remained for nine years. At Mt. Healthy he established the high school and maintained it on a strong basis. In 1901 he removed to Winfield, Kansas, seeking a milder climate for his wife's health, and for the eight years from 1903 to 1911, he was superintendent of schools at Burden, Kansas.

At this place he changed the high school course from two to four years, and raised the school to an accredited high school which secured for his graduates admission into the State University of Kansas without examination.

Professor Bartlett is an accomplished scholar, a successful educator, is proficient in vocal music, and is a good singer. Perhaps his character can be well summed up in brief, by quoting what his patrons of Burden, Kansas, have said of him in a printed article: "He is a man of high ideals, laudable ambitions, and rich intellectual endowments. His influence has always been on the side of right, which means much when the moulding of character is considered as well as mental development."

The children are three: Helen Genevieve, now a stenographer at Los Angeles, California; Oscar Herbert, at Beatrice, Nebraska; and Ernest Dwight at home.

HONORABLE WILLIAM G. SHARP, Representative of the Fourteenth Congressional District of Ohio.—It is true the world over that men refer with pleasant thoughts to the places of their birth,

and Samuel Woodworth, in that unequalled poetic gem has most beautifully expressed the thought that comes to each of us when he says

“How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood
When fond recollection presents them to view.”

The people who remain at the home place of one's birth and childhood feel proud of the success and achievements of a daughter or son who has gone forth and, upon entering life's duties, has “made good.” Of the success of such an one the writer is proud to make a record for posterity. While Mount Gilead claims him in his earlier boyhood, Elyria claims him in his successful career and maturer years. Now, however, he not only belongs to Lorain and Morrow counties, but in a political sense to Ashland, Richland, Huron and Knox counties, whose people he represents in the highest legislative body of the Nation.

The subject of this sketch, William Craven Sharp, is the son of George Sharp and Mahala C. (Graves) Sharp,* and was born in Mount Gilead on the 14th day of March, 1859. The maternal grandparents, William Graves and Effie (Shaffer) Graves, came to Mount Gilead from Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in 1840, and were among the most respected and substantial citizens of the village during their residence of more than twenty years among its people, where Mr. Graves successfully conducted a saddlery and harness business. For many years afterwards, reaching over into the beginning of a new century, these early settlers of Mount Gilead paid visits to the former happy scenes of their life and to the birthplace of their three daughters, Mahala C., Orpha and Rosaline, all of whom are still living.

The paternal grandparents were George W. and Caroline Sharp (the latter of whom died on May 24, 1889), who came to Mount Gilead in 1851, though originally natives of the state of Maryland, in whose political affairs Mr. Sharp had been prominent. Here he became the proprietor and editor of the *Democratic Messenger*, and his son George (father of our subject) on the death of his father on September 17, 1854, assumed editorial management of that paper and continued it for several years. It was during this period that the love ties of our subject's mother and father were formed and welded by marriage on November 28, 1857.

After moving to Elyria with his grandparents in the early '60s, William (with his brother George, in later years a state senator in Michigan) attended the public schools in Elyria and was graduated therefrom in 1877, and from the law department in the University of Michigan in 1881, in which latter year he was admitted to the bar as an attorney. Three years later he was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney of Lorain county as a Democrat—the first political event of such a nature that had occurred in that county in a half century. Having filled that position

*The writer of the above sketch was the childhood playmate, for a few months, of the subject's mother before midsummer of the year 1847. Editor.

with credit, he soon afterward became attorney for a Southern concern, which led him into a career as a successful manufacturer. It is in this field that he has been very active for more than twenty years past, and during which time he materially assisted in building up and developing a large and prosperous iron and chemical business. As a large employer of labor and as an associate with men of important affairs he has acquired a wide range of experience as a successful business man. Though he has never let any political ambition interfere with the management of his business enterprises, he has nevertheless always taken a keen and active interest in local and state politics; and, while he has affiliated with the Democratic party, he has the reputation not only of being independent in his views, but also expressing such independence by his ballot when, in his judgment, it becomes necessary to carry them out. The same course has been followed by him since his election to the Sixty-first Congress in 1908 upon all questions which involve the public good. His election to Congress in 1908 and subsequent reelection in 1910 by a plurality of nearly seven thousand in the district has made him a prominent figure in the state.

In 1895 Mr. Sharp married Miss Hallie Clough, of Elyria, from which union five children have been born. It is in his domestic relations, surrounded by his family, in one of the fine old homes of Elyria, and in the town's social affairs that he finds his chief delight.

EDWIN TAYLOR POLLOCK was born October 25th, 1870, at Mount Gilead, Ohio, and entered the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, May 20, 1887, as a naval cadet, having received the appointment from Colonel W. C. Cooper, representative from the Fourteenth Congressional District. He was graduated from the Naval Academy June 4, 1891, was commissioned an ensign, July 1, 1893; a lieutenant, junior grade, March 3, 1899; a lieutenant, September 9, 1899; a lieutenant-commander, September 30, 1905; and a commander March 4, 1910.

He served on the U. S. S. "Lancaster," "Monocacy," "Petrel," and again on the "Lancaster," in 1891-1893, on the Asiatic Station, going out under sail around the Cape of Good Hope on the "Lancaster," and returning across the Pacific by mail-steamer. He was on the "New York" when she first went into commission in 1893 and for over a year thereafter, as well as during the Spanish war, when she was Admiral Sampson's flagship; was on the "Machias" from '94 to '97, on the Asiatic Station, returning from there on the "Detroit" in 1897; was on the "Alliance," a training ship for apprentices, cruising on both sides of the Atlantic in 1899-1900, then on the "Dolphin" for a few months, and after a tour at the Torpedo School at Newport, Rhode Island, on the "Buffalo," en route to the Asiatic Station where he was trans-

ferred to the "Brooklyn" 1901-2. The "Brooklyn" was then sent to Australia to represent the United States at the reception given to the Duke and Duchess of York (the present king and queen of England), on their tour around the world. After a cruise to all the ports of north China and Japan, the "Brooklyn" returned to New York. The summers of 1903 and 1904, were spent on the "Chesapeake" (now called the "Severn,") and the summer of 1909 on the "Olympia," and that of 1910 on the "Massachusetts," all of these summer cruises being for the instruction of midshipmen.

Commander Pollock joined the battleship "Ohio" in October, 1904, remaining until May, 1905, when he was made Equipment Officer at the Naval Station, Cavite, P. I., until January, 1906, when he was ordered back to the "Ohio" as Flag Lieutenant on the staff of Rear Admiral C. J. Train, Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Naval forces on the Asiatic Station. On the death of the Admiral in August, 1906, he accompanied the remains back to the United States, and was on the battleship "Alabama," as navigator until August, 1907. October 1, 1910, he joined the battleship "Virginia" as Executive Officer. Of these ships, the "Lancaster," "New York," "Brooklyn," "Ohio," "Alabama," "Olympia," were flagships.

His shore duty has been at the U. S. Naval Academy, 1897-99, 1902-04, in 1907 and 1910, and in 1902 a few months on the receiving ship "Columbia" at the Navy Yard, New York, also occasional minor duties, as in command of the tug "Nina," the torpedo-boat "Bagley," etc., for short times. While on duty at the naval academy he was instructor for four years in mathematics, and three years in electrical engineering. His services at sea have taken him over two hundred thousand miles in all parts of the world, except around South America.

He was married, December 5, 1893, at Hale's Rest, Richland county, Ohio, to Beatrice Law Hale, born there July 20, 1873. She was a daughter of Hugh Brisben and Henrietta Melvina (Fox) Hale, of Richland county, Ohio. Beatrice Hale, their daughter, was born June 1, 1901, at Brooklyn, New York.

He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Society of Colonial Wars, of the Military Order of the Carabao, and has received from the government the West Indian medal for service on the New York, during the war with Spain, also the Spanish campaign, and Philippine badges, for service during those campaigns, and has a sharpshooter's medal with expert bars for rifle and revolver shooting. During the Jamestown Exposition, while on the "Alabama" he was temporarily of the staff of the German Commodore who represented the German Emperor, and some months later received from the Commodore and his staff a handsome silver cigar box, in recognition of his services.

*THE WAR RECORD OF THE GARDNER FAMILY OF PERU TOWNSHIP.—John Gardner, founder of one of the well known families in Morrow county, was born near Paisley, Scotland, August 4, 1756. He came to America as a soldier in the army of King George III during the latter part of the Revolution. It is a tradition in the family that he was impressed, or forced, into his Majesty's army; but of which regiment he was a member, how long he served, or in what campaigns he took part there is no knowledge except that he was in the army of Cornwallis at the surrender of Yorkstown.

He never returned to his native land. At the close of his military service he settled in Virginia and soon after married Miss Nancy Musgrove of that state. Of this union there were born two sons, viz: James and Benjamin. Mr. Gardner's first wife died shortly after the birth of her second son and in due time he married Miss Rebecca Marquis, also of Virginia. To these two were born four children, viz: Robert, Sarah, Marquis and William. About the time the present seat of government was established Mr. Gardner moved to what is now the City of Washington where, in 1798, his son William was born and where his second wife died.

For the third time Mr. Gardner sought and found a wife; the last one being Mrs. Elizabeth (Grove) Thomas. The Groves were Marylanders, Elizabeth having been born at Hagerstown, that state, where her parents are buried. Mrs. Grove Thomas was a widow with two children living in Loudoun county, Virginia, when she was married to John Gardner in 1801 at Leesburg, the county seat. They began their married life in Washington, D. C. It was in that city that two daughters, Rebecca and Nancy, were born. About the year 1805 Mr. Gardner removed with his family to Ohio and settled within what are now the corporate limits of Zanesville. Here two sons and two daughters, John Lewis, Elizabeth, Mary and Washington, were born. In 1814 Mr. Gardner removed from Zanesville to a farm one-half mile east of the village of South Woodbury, then in Delaware, but now Morrow county, Ohio. Here Fanny, the youngest child, was born in 1818, and here Mr. Gardner lived in the house which he built and in which he died on the 6th of March, 1836, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years, seven months, and two days. He departed this life respected by all who knew him. He was a man of the strictest financial integrity, of unblemished moral reputation and of devout Christian character. His wife, Elizabeth, survived him eleven years, dying May 3, 1847, aged seventy-five years. These two pioneers lie side by side in the Ebenezer, "Here We Rest," burying-ground in Bennington township, this county. Mr. Gardner gave the lot for this purpose and there now representatives of many of the earlier families find a last resting place.

The Gardner homestead, east of South Woodbury, has been held by the family now for nearly one hundred years. Five successive generations have lived in the house which he built and four of the five were Gardner in name; the place being occupied until the year 1910 by direct descendants.

Of the thirteen children, of whom Mr. Gardner was the father, all but two, Sarah and Mary, the latter dying at twenty, lived to a good age. Nearly or quite all lived for a longer or shorter time in Morrow county, where many of their descendants still reside, and constitute some of our most respected and substantial present day families, while others have removed to different states where they and their descendants have made records that reflect credit upon a worthy ancestry. Ministers, judges, lawyers, bankers, business men, and farmers are found among them. In so far as is known, not one of the descendants of John Gardner has ever been convicted of crime or ever accused of a serious offence against the law. It is, however, in the patriotic war record of the sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons of the sturdy old Scotsman that the family take most pride. In this respect it is doubtful if there is another family in the county and indeed but few anywhere that can surpass or even equal it in the number of soldiers furnished or in the quality or length of service rendered the government in its time of stress. So exceptional is the well authenticated family record in this respect and of such historic interest that we give it in detail.

Washington Gardner, youngest son of the founder of this branch of the Gardner family in the United States, was born in 1814 at Zanesville, and was enrolled as a volunteer July 25, 1861, at Camp Chase, Ohio, and mustered into service as a member of Company G, Twenty-sixth Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was discharged from the army June 17, 1862, at Camp Chase on surgeon's certificate of disability. He was the oldest of the connection in the service, being at the time of enlistment forty-seven years of age. His service was of ten months and twenty-two days duration.

George C. Gardner was a grandson of John and Nancy (Mugrove) Gardner and a son of Benjamin and Esther (Williams) Gardner. The records show that he was enrolled November 8, 1861, at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and was mustered into service the same day as a private of Company D, 65th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was appointed corporal, November 26, 1861, and was discharged as of that grade on August 30, 1862, in the field near Hillsboro, Tennessee, on surgeon's certificate of disability. September 30, 1864, he enlisted the second time and was enrolled on date named as a private in Company I, 184th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, and as such was mustered into the United States service on the first day of October, 1864. He was appointed sergeant October 5, 1864, and was mustered out with

his company at Charlotte, North Carolina, July 26, 1865. His total length of service was one year, seven months, and eighteen days.

Nelson James Gardner, a great-grandson of John and Nancy (Musgrove) Gardner, a grandson of James and Sarah (Grove) Gardner, and a son of John and Rachel (Moccobee) Gardner, was enrolled September 21, 1861, and mustered into service on the same day as a private, Company B, 8th Iowa Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He reenlisted January 1, 1864, as a veteran volunteer in the same company and regiment; was promoted first lieutenant, November 27, 1864 and brevet captain March 26, 1865. He was mustered out April 20, 1866, having served four years, six months and twenty-nine days.

Charles H. Gardner, a younger brother of the last above named, was enrolled August 11, 1862, and mustered into service to date from same day as a private, Company D, 20th Iowa Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was mustered out of service with the company as a private July 8, 1865. His service covered a period of two years, ten months, and twenty-seven days.

Melville Gardner, a brother of the two last above named, was born April 6, 1848, and was enrolled March 28, 1865, and mustered into service on the same day as a private, Provisional Company, 9th Illinois Volunteers, to serve one year. He was transferred to Company B of the regiment, September 25, 1865, and was mustered out with the company as a private October 31, 1865. His service covered a period of seven months and three days. The three brothers served an aggregate of eight years, one month and nine days.

Wilbur C. Scott, great-grandson of John and Nancy (Musgrove) Gardner, grandson of James and Sarah (Grove) Gardner and a son of Thomas L. and Phoebe (Gardner) Scott, was enrolled February 25, 1864, at Davenport, Iowa, and was mustered into service February 26, 1864, as a private in Company D, 3rd Iowa Volunteer Cavalry, to serve three years and was mustered out of service with the company at Atlanta, Georgia, August 9, 1865, having served one year, five months, and fourteen days.

William Percival Gardner, grandson of John and Rebecea (Marquis) Gardner and son of William and Ruth (Wiekham) Gardner, was mustered into service September 2, 1862, as second lieutenant, Company K, 97th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He died at Scottsville, Kentucky, November 30, 1862, of typhoid fever, after a service of three months and twenty-eight days.

Lemuel Gardner, a brother of William Percival, was enrolled September 15, 1862, and mustered into service, October 8, 1862, as a private of Company I, 122d Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was mustered out as a corporal with the company, June 26, 1865. The period of his service was two years, nine months, and eleven days.

Robert J. Gardner, a younger brother of the two last above named, was enrolled August 4, 1862, and mustered into service, September 2, 1862, as a private in Company K, 97th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years, and was mustered out of service as a corporal, May 9, 1865, at Camp Dennison, Ohio. Robert was wounded in the battle at Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864. He served two years, nine months and seventeen days and the three brothers a total of five years, ten months, and twenty-six days.

Calvin Nutt, grandson of John and Elizabeth (Grove) Gardner, and a son of Ashley and Rebecca (Gardner) Nutt, was enrolled May 25, 1861, at Peoria, Illinois, and was mustered into service on the same day as a private in Company K, 17th Illinois Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was detailed within the period of his service as artilleryman in Battery D, First Illinois Light Artillery. He was admitted to Artillery Brigade, 6th Division, 17th Army Corps Hospital, July 16, 1863, with typhoid fever and died of that disease at Clinton, Illinois, September 15, 1863, having served two years, two months, and six days.

John Doty, grandson of John and Elizabeth (Grove) Gardner and a son of Steven Doty and Nancy (Gardner) Doty, was enrolled June 2, 1862, at South Woodbury, this county, and was mustered into service to take effect the same day as a private of Company C, 85th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three months. He was appointed sergeant, September 23d, 1862, at Camp Chase, Ohio. He enlisted the second time, August 5, 1864, at Columbus, Ohio, and was mustered into service the same day as a private of Company I, 88th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve one year. He was mustered out with the company as a private, June 3, 1865, at Camp Chase, Ohio, having served an aggregate of one year, one month, and nineteen days.

Isaiah Doty, brother of the last above named, volunteered March 31, 1864, at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and was mustered into service April 13, 1864, as a private of Company B, 37th Wisconsin Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. July 27, 1865, he was mustered out with his regiment as a private having served one year, three months, and twenty-six days.

George Washington Doty, brother of the last two above named, enlisted June 2, 1862, at Ashley, Ohio, and was mustered into service to take effect the same day as a private of Company C, 85th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three months. He was appointed sergeant June 11, 1862, and was mustered out with the company as sergeant, September 23, 1862. He again enlisted October 16, 1862, at Camp Chase, Ohio, and October 28, 1862, was mustered into service as a corporal of Company C, 88th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was appointed sergeant in August, 1863, and was mustered out as a sergeant February 4, 1864, at Columbus, Ohio, by reason of appointment as second

lieutenant, 27th United States Colored Troops. June 5, 1864, he was promoted to first lieutenant of Company G of that regiment. He was discharged from the service as first lieutenant on tender of resignation accompanied with a surgeon's certificate of disability, in orders from the War Department dated April 20, 1865. His aggregate term of service was two years, nine months and thirteen days.

Harrison Doty, a younger brother of John, Isaiah and Washington, volunteered August 2, 1862, at Cardington, Ohio, and was mustered into service August 19, 1862, as a corporal of Company C, 96th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was appointed sergeant March 1, 1863, taken prisoner at the battle of Grand Coteau, Louisiana, November 3, 1863, was paroled at Stage Station near New Iberia, Louisiana, December 25, 1863, and exchanged at Algiers, Louisiana, December 31, 1863, and was mustered out as sergeant July 7, 1865, at Mobile, Alabama. His term of service covered a period of two years, eleven months, and five days.

Josephus F. Doty, a younger brother of the four last above named, volunteered May 1, 1861, at Ashley, Ohio, and was mustered into service to take effect June 15, 1861, as a corporal of Company C, 26th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was appointed a sergeant May 25, 1863, and was mustered out of service as of that rank July 25, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was twice wounded at the battle of Chickamauga. April 11, 1865, at Mansfield, Ohio, he again volunteered and was mustered into service on the same day as a private of Company B, 9th United States Veteran Volunteer Infantry, to serve one year; was appointed first sergeant, May 13, 1865, and sergeant major July 2, 1865. July 17, of the same year he was mustered as second lieutenant, Company B, of said regiment and as first lieutenant, November 8, 1865. He was mustered out of service as first lieutenant and regimental quartermaster, May 2, 1866, at Indianapolis, Indiana. His service in the two regiments covered a period of four years, three months and fifteen days.

James M. Gardner, a grandson of John and Elizabeth (Grove) Gardner and the oldest son of John Lewis and Sarah (Goodin) Gardner, was enrolled August 12, 1862, at Marengo, Iowa, and was mustered into service to take effect from the date of his enrollment as a private of Company E, 24th Iowa Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was promoted to sergeant September 3, 1863, and to second lieutenant, but not mustered, January 1, 1865; was wounded at the battle of Champion Hill, Mississippi; was mustered out of service with his company July 17, 1865, at Savannah, Georgia. His service covered a period of two years, eleven months and five days.

Craven V. Gardner, brother of the last above named was enrolled August 7, 1862, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and was mustered

in to take effect from the date of his enrollment as first sergeant, Company A, 29th Iowa Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was promoted to be captain of the same organization February 21, 1863, and was honorably discharged from the service August 10, 1865, at New Orleans, Louisiana, by reason of the muster out of his company on the date named. His term of service covered three years and three days.

Asa A. Gardner, brother of the last two above named, was enrolled October 21, 1861, at Mt. Gilead, Ohio, and was mustered into service to take effect from the date of his enrollment, as a private of Company D, 65th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was appointed second sergeant November 26th and first sergeant, November 30, 1861; was mustered as second lieutenant of the same organization to take effect February 8, 1862, and as first lieutenant to date from December 1, 1862. He was badly wounded in action at the battle of Stone river, Tennessee, December 31, 1862, and again in the battle of Chiekamauga, Georgia, September 19, 1863. He was mustered as captain, company C, of the same regiment to take effect February 3, 1864, and was honorably discharged from the service in orders from the War Department dated May 30, 1865, on account of his services being no longer required and physical disability from wounds received in action. His service covered a period of three years, seven months, and nine days.

Isaac N. Gardner, brother of the last three above named, was enrolled August 22, 1862, at Camp Chase, Ohio, and was mustered into service August 28, 1862, as corporal, Company C, 88th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was mustered out as a corporal January 20, 1864, at Columbus, Ohio, to accept an appointment as first lieutenant in the 27th United States Colored Troops and was mustered in as captain of the same company June 9, 1864. He was mustered out with his company September 21, 1865, at Smithville, North Carolina, his service having covered a period of three years and twenty-nine days.

Washington Gardner, 2d, youngest brother of the four last above named, was enrolled October 26, 1861, at Westfield, Ohio, and was mustered into service to take effect from the same date, as a private Company D, 65th Ohio Infantry Volunteers, to serve three years. He was appointed sergeant November 1, 1863, was badly wounded in action at the battle of Resaca, Georgia, May 14, 1864, and was mustered out with his company at Nashville, Tennessee, December 14, 1864, by reason of expiration of term of service. He was in the army three years, one month and seventeen days.

Carleton F. Gardner, great-grandson of John and Elizabeth (Grove) Gardner; grandson of John Lewis and Sarah (Goodin) Gardner and son of Washington, 2d, and Anna (Powers) Gardner, served in the Spanish-American War as a private in Company E,

31st Michigan Infantry Volunteers. He was enrolled April 26, 1898, at Lansing, Michigan, and was mustered into service May 8, 1898, at Island Lake, Michigan, and after a service of five months and ten days was honorably discharged October 6, 1898, at Camp Poland, Tennessee, pursuant to orders from the War Department.

Elton G. Gardner, a younger brother of the last above named, served as a private in Company A, 32d Michigan Infantry Volunteers. He was enrolled May 12, 1898, at Island Lake, Michigan, and was mustered into service May 14, 1898, at the same place and was honorably discharged November 5, 1898, at Coldwater, Michigan, having served five months and twenty days.

Roy Mulvane, great-grandson of James and Laura (Mozier) Gardner and grandson of Joseph and ——— Gardner, and son of William P. and Emily (Gardner) Mulvane, was enrolled as the record shows July 9, 1898, at St. Charles, Missouri, and was mustered into service July 20, 1898, as a sergeant in Company G, 6th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, war with Spain, to serve two years, and was honorably discharged from the service, as a sergeant, April 6, 1899. His term of service covered eight months and twenty-seven days.

Summary.

The following brief summary of the above military service shows that twenty-four descendants of John Gardner, founder of this branch of the American family of that name served in war under the flag of the Union; that of these, one was a son, sixteen were grandsons, and seven great-grandsons. The official record shows that they served an aggregate of fifty-one years, four months, and twenty-nine days; of this forty-eight years, eight months, and one day was in the Civil war. Two of the twenty-three served over four years each, six over three years, while the average for all was two years and two months. Two died while in the service, five were wounded in battle, two, twice; one was taken prisoner; four were captains, four lieutenants and six were non-commissioned officers. Thirteen served in Ohio regiments, five in Iowa, two in Illinois, two in Michigan, one in Wisconsin, and one in Missouri.

EDWIN HOWES.—A splendid representative of the prosperous and respected residents of Morrow county, Edwin Howes has been conspicuously identified with the development and advancement of the agricultural interests of Bennington township for many years, in his undertakings meeting with unquestioned success. He is a man of solid worth, possessing in an eminent degree those traits of character that command the respect of one's associates and win the esteem of his neighbors and friends, and his life record has been such as to reflect credit on the town and county of his birth. A son of the late Francis Howes, he was born Janu-

ary 29, 1842, on the parental homestead, which includes the farm which he now owns and occupies, in Bennington township.

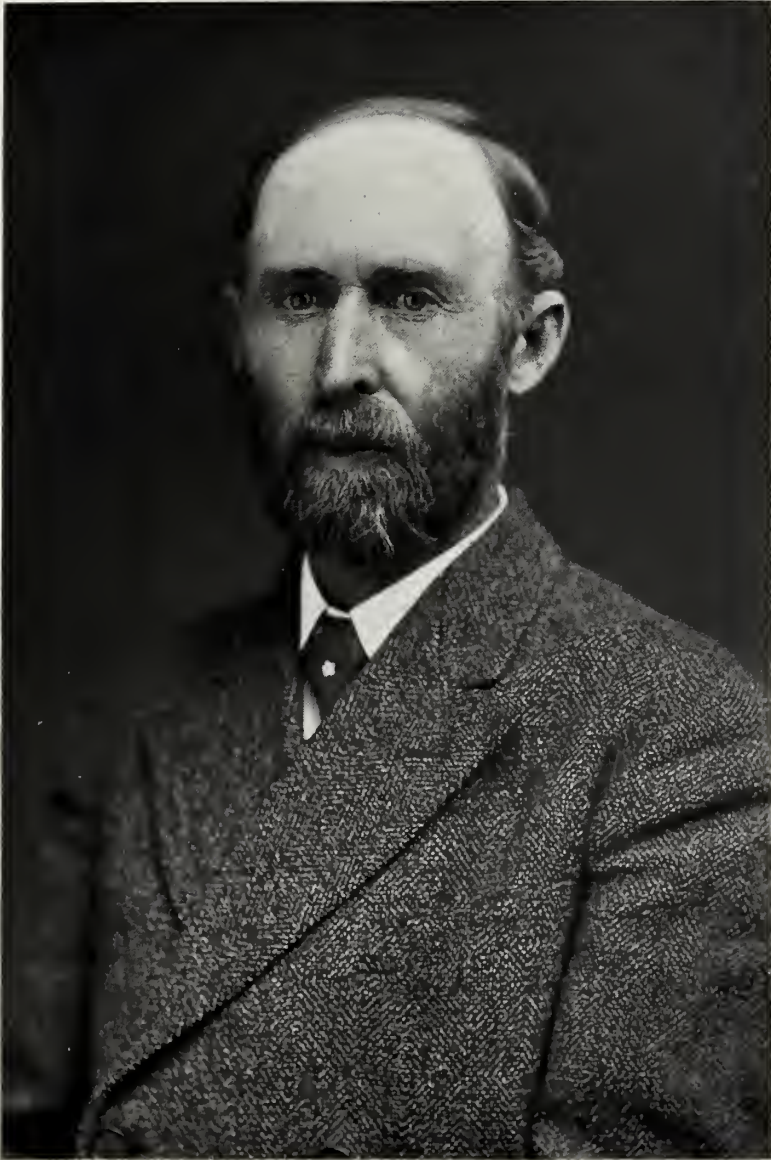
Coming from substantial English ancestry, he traces his lineage back in a direct line to one Thomas Howes, who immigrated to America in 1637 and settled in New England, the line of descent being as follows: Thomas, Jeremiah, Ebenezer, Thomas A., Moody, Samuel, Francis and Edwin.

Born and brought up in Putnam county, New York, Francis Howes lived there until 1833, when he followed the march of civilization westward, coming to Ohio in quest of cheap land. In that part of Delaware county now included within the boundaries of Morrow county, he saw country that pleased him, and entered one hundred and twenty acres from the government. Returning then to his old home in New York state, he labored by the month to obtain money enough to pay for his land, and having obtained a sufficient sum came back to Ohio and secured title to his former purchase. Erecting a small log cabin in the wilderness, he began the arduous task of redeeming a farm from the forest, and in addition to carrying on farming with good results did general blacksmithing in his leisure minutes, in the course of years acquiring a good property. He was a quiet, industrious man, a true and loyal citizen, and his death, which occurred February 5, 1888, on his farm in Bennington township, was a loss to the community in which he had so long resided. He married, in Richland county, Ohio, Ruth Roberts, a daughter of John Roberts, a farmer. She survived him, passing away February 12, 1895. Three children were born of their union, namely: Edwin, the special subject of this sketch; Isaiah, deceased; and Andrew J., deceased.

Brought up on the parental homestead, Edwin Howes acquired a practical education when young, attending first the district school and later a select school. When about ten years old he met with an accident that crippled him for life, and has handicapped him to some extent. He remained beneath the parental roof-tree until his marriage, but during his entire active career has made farming and stock-raising his chief pursuit. He has title to five hundred acres of rich and fertile land lying in Morrow and Delaware counties, and in the management of his large estate has displayed rare ability and judgment. He has also other property of value, being a stockholder in the Marengo Banking Company.

Mr. Howes married, June 18, 1882, Mary Kees, who was born and brought up in Morrow county and educated in its schools. Into the household thus established two children have been born, namely: Alice, whose birth occurred May 21, 1883, married L. Patrick, and has one child, Bailey H. Patrick; and Francis S., who lived but four short years.

JAMES C. LLEWELLYN.—The Olentangy Stock Farm is pleasantly located in Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio, seven miles distant from Cardington, and it is equal in equipment to any



Jas. C. Llewellyn.

rural estate in the entire Buckeye commonwealth. It comprises four hundred and seventy-five acres of land, a large portion of which is in a high state of cultivation and the remainder of which is used for pastures and grazing land for the stock. The owner of this splendid farm is James C. Llewellyn, who is a native son of Westfield township, where his birth occurred on the 11th of August, 1858. He is a son of Dr. Ephraim Llewellyn and Naney (Trindle) Llewellyn, the former of whom was a native of Meigs county, Ohio, where he was born on the 21st of February, 1824, and the latter of whom claimed Morrow county, Ohio, as the place of her nativity, her natal day being the 2nd of April, 1824. Dr. Llewellyn was long one of the leading physicians and surgeons in Morrow county, his professional headquarters having been in Westfield township, where he was recognized for his innate talent and acquired ability along the line of one of the most helpful professions to which a man may devote his time and energy.

Dr. E. Llewellyn was a son of Phillip Llewellyn, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in agricultural operations during his entire active career. Phillip Llewellyn was a son of Samuel Llewellyn, who in turn was a son of Phillip Llewellyn. The family is of pure Welsh extraction, the original progenitor of the name in America having immigrated to this country from Wales in the Colonial era of our national history. The mother of Doctor Llewellyn was Miss Hannah Chase in her girlhood days and she was born and reared in the state of New York, being a daughter of Lewis Chase, a native of the old Empire state of the Union and a direct descendant of one of the three brothers who came to America from England in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Chase immigrated to Meigs county, Ohio, about the year 1815, and they were the parents of three sons and one daughter. Hannah (Chase) Llewellyn was twice married, her first husband having been a Mr. Birch, by whom she became the mother of four children, namely: Electa, who was the wife of Jonas Foust, is deceased; Herman resides in Delaware county, Ohio; Almira is deceased; and Melinda is the wife of Elijah Bishop, of Delaware county, Ohio.

The parents of the Doctor were married in Meigs county, Ohio, in 1822, and after that important event they removed to Delaware county, where they resided for a period of two years, at the expiration of which they established their home in Waldo township, Marion county, where the father died in 1833 and the mother in 1891. The only child born to this union was Dr. E. Llewellyn, who was reared to the age of sixteen years on the home farm. In 1840 he came to the village of Westfield, Morrow county, to learn the tanners' trade, in the work of which he was engaged for four years. His health becoming impaired, he began the study of medicine under the able preceptorship of Dr. George Granger, of Westfield. Subsequently he was graduated in the Eclectic

Medical Institute, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and for five years thereafter he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Westfield, in partnership with Dr. Granger. Upon the retirement of Dr. Granger, Dr. Llewellyn continued as a practitioner alone, controlling a large and representative patronage and continuing to devote his entire time and attention thereto during the remainder of his life, with the exception of four years, during which he conducted a drug store at Delaware, Ohio.

On the 14th of December, 1853, Dr. Llewellyn was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Trindle, a native of Morrow county and a daughter of James and Anna (Brundage) Trindle. Dr. and Mrs. Llewellyn became the parents of two children: Clara Estella, born April 1, 1857, was summoned to eternal rest on the 30th of August, 1880; and James C. is the immediate subject of this review. In his political convictions Dr. Llewellyn was originally an old-time Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance to its principles and policies. In his religious faith he was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he long served as steward. In connection with his profession he was a valued and appreciative member of the State Eclectic Medical Society. He owned and operated an extensive farming property during his life time and he was called to the life eternal on the 16th of January, 1910, his cherished and devoted wife surviving her husband until the 29th of January, 1911.

James C. Llewellyn, whose name forms the caption for this article, grew to adult age on his father's farm and his educational discipline consisted of such advantages as were afforded in the district schools of his native place, this training being effectively supplemented by instruction from the father, who was an exceedingly well-read man, and by a course of study in Union Institute, at Delaware, Ohio. After attaining to his legal majority he became interested in the work and management of his father's farms and with the passage of time he began to devote more and more attention to the raising of full blooded stock. Of the original three hundred and thirty acres belonging to him and his father, two hundred and fifty acres were devoted to diversified agriculture. He is now, in 1911, sole owner of the widely renowned Olentangy Stock Farm, consisting of four hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Westfield township, the same being located on the Mansfield and Delaware road, about half way between Mount Gilead and Delaware, Ohio. It is decidedly one of the finest farms in Morrow county and on it are raised cattle and horses that have taken premiums at Delaware and Morrow county fairs. He is a most successful breeder of English Hackney, Belgian and Percheron horses, one of the first-mentioned of which was twice a first-prize winner at the Illinois state fair, his sire having been first at the World's Fair at Chicago. He is also an extensive

breeder of Aberdeen Angus (Black Polled) cattle, the very best breed of beef cattle, as was made manifest at the International Show at Chicago.

On the 9th of June, 1897, was recorded the marriage of Mr. Llewellyn to Miss Clara M. Wagoner, who is a daughter of James W. and Martha J. (Rollston) Wagoner. James W. Wagoner was born in Henry county, Indiana, on the 7th of January, 1836, and he was a son of James and Marcia (Baker) Wagoner, the latter of whom was born and reared in the old commonwealth of Virginia. To Mr. and Mrs. James Wagoner were born five children, namely: Noah, who is cashier of the First National Bank at Knightstown, Indiana; James W., father of Mrs. Llewellyn; he was a traveling salesman for Wagoner's Disinfectant Company during the greater part of his active business career and he was summoned to the Great Beyond on the 17th of December, 1904; John H. died as a young man; Perry is a dentist at Knightstown, Indiana; and Sarah E., who became the wife of Peter Reddick, of Knightstown, is a local writer of poetry. James W. Wagoner married Miss Martha J. Rollston, who was born in the city of Liverpool, England, on the 12th of June, 1838. This marriage was prolific of nine children, six of whom are living in 1911: Flora R. is the wife of Professor George E. Long, of Brownstown, Indiana; Clara M., who is now Mrs. Llewellyn and who was born on the 28th of March, 1861; Dr. Emmett W. is a dentist at Knightstown, Indiana; John H. is a manufacturer and salesman of disinfectants, his business headquarters being at Knightstown; Richard R. is a carpenter and builder by trade; and Marcia was graduated in the Knightstown High School, attended the State University of Indiana, at Bloomington, and is now a teacher in the public schools of New Castle, Indiana. Those deceased are Walter P., whose death occurred on the 24th of July, 1895; Hattie B., who died at the age of nineteen years; and Fannie B., who died at the age of three years. Mrs. James C. Llewellyn received an excellent education in her youth, having attended school at St. Mary's Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn have three children: Grace E., born May 7, 1898; Harold, born September 8, 1900; and Marcia R., born June 11, 1902.

Religiously Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn are affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal church, in the various departments of whose work they have been most active factors. In a fraternal way he is connected with Ashley Lodge, No. 407, Free and Accepted Masons; and with Ashley Lodge, No. 457, Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Llewellyn is a member of the Rathbone Sisters, being connected with Good Hope Temple, No. 266. He is a staunch advocate of the principles and policies set forth by the Republican party, and while he has never had time nor ambition for political preferment of any description he is ever on the alert and enthusiastically in sympathy with all measures projected for progress

and development. He is a man of fine mental caliber and all his acts are characterized by that broad human sympathy which is so important an element in all the relations of life. He is highly esteemed by his fellow men and business associates and is known throughout Morrow county as a man of sterling integrity and the utmost reliability.

REVEREND JAMES WHEELER closed the many eventful years of a busy life as a resident of Morrow county. He died as the result of an accident at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the 27th day of February, 1873, in the seventy-second year of his age. He was born in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1801, and came to Ohio with his parents when about eighteen years of age. His people settled in Berkshire township, Delaware county, Ohio. When about eighteen years of age he was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal church.

At this period of his life he learned the trade of a wheelwright and there are, no doubt, stored in some of the attics of Delaware and adjoining counties, spinning-wheels, reels, swifts, etc. made by Mr. Wheeler. He only worked at this business but a short time when he went to Sunbury, Ohio, and began clerking in the store of a Mr. Atherton. While engaged in this capacity he was united in marriage to Mary Atherton, a daughter of the man for whom he was clerking, and he finally became a partner in the business.

About this time he felt that it was his duty to enter the ministry. He was ordained as a deacon in the Ohio Annual Conference at Springfield, Ohio, on the 23rd of August, 1835. On the 10th day of September, 1837, he was made an elder, or regularly ordained minister at Detroit, Michigan, and entered the Michigan Annual Conference, which at that time included a large portion of northern Ohio.

He now entered into the life of the itinerant preacher with all its cares, its trials and its pleasures. He would be from home for weeks at a time, compelled to ford swollen streams, to sleep out of doors with his saddle-bags for a pillow and preaching in the cabins or barns of the settlers, and oft times in the woods. Upon his return to his home from one of his long tours of preaching he found his wife very sick, her illness in a short time resulting in her death, and the remains were taken to her girlhood home at Sunbury for burial. On the 4th day of June, 1838, he was married to Miss Caroline Condit at Utica, Ohio.

In 1839 Mr. Wheeler was appointed as a missionary to the Wyandot Indians at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, and here remained for five years, when they were removed to the territory of Kansas by the United States government, and given a reservation where Kansas City, Kansas, is now located, but long before Kansas City was ever dreamed of. Mr. Wheeler accompanied the Indians on

their trip and remained with them through the summer superintending their work in building their new homes and a church. In the fall he returned to Ohio, where he had left his family and early in the following spring left with the family and a few household goods for the new home. They went by canal from Columbus to Portsmouth and then down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to the mouth of the Kaw river, where the new home was to be. While yet in the Buckeye state and going down the Ohio canal, the boat was snagged and their goods were all soaked in water. They had no chance to either air or dry them till their long journey was ended, hence most of their effects were ruined. Mr. Wheeler's duties as missionary while in Kansas were not confined to the Wyandots alone, but he made frequent trips to the Shawnees and other tribes and would often be a hundred or more miles from home, preaching to the red man. In all of his life among the Indians he was never molested but was always shown the greatest respect and was beloved by them all. In fact, the Wyandots loved him so that they regularly adopted him and his family into their tribe and made him one of their chiefs. At the division of the Methodist church north, and south, the adjoining state of Missouri, and the Wyandot mission fell into the bounds of the portion that adhered to the South, and in May, 1846, Mr. Wheeler with his family returned to Ohio. In the following fall he united with the North Ohio Conference, of which he remained a member up to the time of his death. Soon after his return to Ohio Mr. Wheeler raised a fund to aid him in having the bodies of a number of the leading Indians, who were buried in different places, removed to the Indian graveyard at the old mission church at Upper Sandusky. The body of Sum-mum-de-Wat was brought from Wood county, where he and his wife were murdered by white men. Mr. Wheeler also had stones erected at the graves of Between-the-Logs, Grey-eyes, Sum-mun-de-Wat, Reverend John Stewart, the first missionary, and others. At the time Mr. Wheeler was adopted into the Wyandot nation he was given the name of Hetaseoo, which signified "Our Leader," while his wife was called Queechy, owing to the fact that she wore shoes that squeaked when she was walking. The last execution of a Wyandot in Ohio, who was tried, convicted and sentenced to be shot, took place in October, 1840. The trial was before their highest tribunal, the assembled nation, and the question of life or death was decided by ballot. Although Mr. Wheeler did not attend the execution, yet his two sons, young lads, witnessed the affair.

In 1860 several of the leading men of the Wyandots were in the City of Washington, on business with the government, in regard to the Indians becoming citizens of the United States, and on their way back to Kansas, they stopped at the home of Mr. Wheeler, who was then living in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and pleaded

with him to take his family to Kansas, and become one of them, promising them a share in the nation's possessions; but Mr. Wheeler could not see his way clear to comply with their appeals. During Mr. Wheeler's ministry he filled appointments at Elyria, Norwalk, Ashland, Utica, Spring Mountain, Homer, Fredericktown, Chesterville, Millersburg, Martinsburg, Mt. Vernon, Galena, Gambier, Woodbury and a number of other places. While with the Indians, both at Upper Sandusky and in Kansas, he was not only the missionary, but the mission school with its teachers, was under his charge, and during the absence of the government's agent he acted in that capacity. Several of the old familiar hymns of the Methodist hymn book were translated by him into the Wyandot language. His remains rest in River Cliff cemetery, Mt. Gilead.

ORSON A. LEE.—A man of keen intellect and excellent judgment, far-sighted and sagacious, Orson A. Lee has been pre-eminently successful in life, his name being synonymous with thrift, enterprise and prosperity not only in Peru township, his home, but throughout Morrow county. He was born November 17, 1830, in Peru township, which was then a part of Delaware county, but is now included within the limits of Morrow county, a son of Asa Lee, a pioneer settler of this part of the state.

Asa Lee, a son of Benjamin Lee, was born in New York state, of English ancestry, being descended from a family that settled in New England on coming to the United states from England. Soon after assuming the responsibilities of married life, he came with his bride to Ohio, locating about 1823 in Peru township, Morrow county, where he took up heavily timbered land and begun the pioneer labor of reclaiming a farm from the wilderness. He subsequently lived for a comparatively brief time in Columbus, Ohio, from there moving to Blendon township, Franklin county, where he was engaged in tilling the soil until his death. Prior to coming to Ohio he was a cloth-dresser, following the fuller's trade, at which he had served an apprenticeship.

Asa Lee married Sarah Meacham, a daughter of Paul and Roxanna Meacham, who were also of New England stock, and of English ancestry. Five children were born of their marriage, namely: Newton D., M. D., was engaged in the practice of medicine in Saginaw, Michigan, until his death; George A., M. D., deceased, settled as a physician in Bowling Green, Missouri, and there spent his last days; Charles B., deceased, was for many years a farmer in Peru township, and died in Ashley, Ohio; Harriet A. married Amasa Grant, and both died on their home farm in Peru township; and Orson A., the subject of this sketch.

The son of a farmer, Orson A. Lee was educated in the common schools of Morrow county, and at an early age began life as a farmer, assisting in the management of the home estate. At the

age of twenty-four years he bought out the interests of the remaining heirs in the parental homestead, which contained eighty-four acres of good land, and began enlarging his operations. In addition to general farming he made a specialty of stock raising and dealing, and as his money accumulated he wisely invested in land, owning at the present time between seven hundred and eight hundred acres of as fine agricultural land as can be found in this part of Ohio. Mr. Lee lived for a number of years in Ashley, Ohio, where he loaned money, carrying on a banking business on a small scale, his financial ability winning him success in his venture. Of recent years Mr. Lee has spent his winters in Florida, renewing his youth and vigor beneath its sunny skies. Politically he has always been a zealous champion of the principles which have guided the Republican party's members.

REVEREND ANNA SHELDON.—Among the noble and representative women of Morrow county who have so materially contributed to the advancement and high standing of this section, none are more worthy of mention within the pages of this work than the Reverend Anna Sheldon, an ordained minister of the Christian church, residing at Sparta. Her good works and fine abilities are known over a wide area. For eleven years she was a lecturer of the Ohio Women's Christian Temperance Union, giving nearly all her time to this line of Christian work. She has been president of the Morrow county Women's Christian Temperance Union for twelve years and in June, 1910, she was one of the delegates from this state to the World's W. C. T. U. Convention, held in Glasgow, Scotland. Later in the same month she represented the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Board, Christian church, of the United States and Canada at the World's Missionary Conference at Synod Hall, in Edinburg, Scotland. She is a woman of the highest and strongest character, is intensely interested in the different lines of work to which she is giving her life and lives only to serve the good causes which she represents. She is of splendid pioneer stock, of the sort which gives patriots and stalwart citizen to the nation and her own and her husband's forbears will receive mention in succeeding paragraphs.

Mrs. Sheldon, whose maiden name was Rossilla Ann Linscott was united in marriage to Judson Sheldon, on January 5, 1868, Reverend Mills Harrod of the Christian church officiating. They began housekeeping in Sparta, Ohio, April 2, 1868, and there the subject still resides on the same street where she has lived for forty-three years. Two children came into the home: Ella, born June 21, 1870, and Alba, born September 16, 1874. Both children graduated from the Sparta High School and Ella took a classical course at Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, graduating from that well known institution in June, 1891, and afterward teaching in the college for two years. She was then for a time

associated in deaconess work in Springfield and Dayton, Ohio. On June 18, 1895, Ella Sheldon was united in marriage with the Reverend J. P. Watson, of Dayton, Ohio, and became the mother of three boys: Josiah, Jndson and Ernest. The father died May 20, 1908, and the mother with her boys went soon afterward to Wyoming where they now reside, she having two quarter sections of land in whose cultivation she engages while at the same time teaching school at Keeline, Converse county, that state.

Alba Sheldon, the son, has been twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Miss Jessie Knox, of Columbus, Ohio; and that of his second wife Miss Myrtle Nold, of Abilene, Kansas. He has two sons, Raymond Knox (by the first marriage), and Vernon Dale. He travels for a wholesale grocery concern in Abilene, Kansas, where he resides. The Reverend Mrs. Sheldon's husband was also a zealous member of the Christian church. The demise of this gentleman occurred in Sparta, February 9, 1897, and his funeral sermon was delivered by Reverend Mr. Harrod, who thirty years before had officiated at his wedding.

The father and mother of Reverend Anna Sheldon—Thomas Linscott and Sarah Anderson, were married by Elder Ashley, January 1, 1850, and on the 25th of November of the same year their daughter, Rossilla Ann, now known as Anna, was born. In the spring of 1851 the father joined a large number of people who were seeking gold and journeyed overland to California, where he endured the hardships of mining with no results such as he had hoped to receive. His wife died June 14, 1861, and the little girl was cared for in the home of her grandmother Anderson, who resided near this village. The father returned to Ohio in 1874 for a visit, but made his home in Michigan until 1893, when he came to the home of his daughter and with her spent the remainder of his life, dying with cancer, October 13, 1906.

Thomas Linscott's parents, Samuel and Maria (Gould) Linscott were natives of New York and were married in New York City. The mother was a cousin of Jay Gould, the railroad magnate. They migrated to Ohio in 1820, locating in Trumbull county, and afterward removing to this part of the state. Seven children were born to them: William, Eli, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Francis and Thomas. The father was a farmer, and three sons were ministers in the Christian church. Of the entire family only one survives, this being Francis, who resides in El Paso, Texas. In politics the Linscotts were Republicans.

Mrs. Sheldon's maternal grandparents were David Anderson, of Vermont, and Elizabeth Taylor, of New York. They were married February 2, 1812, and located near Bennington, New York, but migrated to Ohio in 1815, settling for a time near the city of Columbus, in a day when the stumps in that locality were far more numerous than the cabins. Mr. Anderson's parents came to Ohio with them, but stopped in Cuyahoga county. In

1816 the father came to Columbus to visit David and decided to remove his family to that place, but while returning and when within ten miles of his home, he fell from a precipice and was so badly injured that he died alone. In all probability while he was resting overnight, the bell on his oxen indicated that they were straying away, and in his efforts to reach them in the darkness, he lost his life. Twenty-four hours later the oxen returned to the farm house where they had been fed, and it was then that search was made for the owner, but it was two days later that his body was found. His immediate family, consisting of the wife, two sons, and two daughters were removed to David's home and cared for until able to care for themselves.

In June, 1817, David removed his family to this community and located one mile east of Sparta. At that time the only clearing on his land was one made by cutting down the trees with which the cabin was built and here they endured the privations known only to the pioneers of that day. Eleven children blessed their home, namely: Amasa and Mary, who were born in Vermont; James, Benjamin, Phillip, David, Harriet, Sarah, and Julia, and two who died in infancy. The father was a blacksmith by occupation; in politics a Republican; and in religious belief, a Baptist. Not one of this family is now living.

Upon glancing at the history of the family of the subject's husband—the Sheldons—it is found that his parents, Alba and Eliza (Sanford) Sheldon were married in Poultney, Rutland county, Vermont, December 13, 1828. They migrated to this part of Ohio in 1836, and located two miles south of Sparta, where they resided until April, 1866, when they removed to this village and here spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying May 10, 1887, aged eighty-five years, and five months, and the mother surviving until December 14, 1896, when she passed away, aged eighty-seven years, and eleven months. They were the parents of six children: Judson, Mary, Caroline, Raymond, Ella and Sophia. Raymond died at the time of the Civil war, in November, 1862, and the daughters survived him only a few years. In religious belief the parents were Baptists, but as there was no church of that faith here, Mrs. Sheldon united with the Methodists until the Civil war broke out, when she joined the Wesleysans on account of their anti-slavery principles. She afterwards joined the Christian church.

WILLIS T. PHILLIPS.—A wide-awake, brainy man, full of vim and energy, Willis T. Phillips, of Bennington township, holds a place of prominence among the foremost agriculturists of Morrow county, and has made his mark in insurance circles, in the year 1910 doing an especially large business as agent for the Ohio State Life Insurance Company. He was born April 27, 1872, in Coshocton, Ohio, a son of Reverend W. L. Phillips, a well known Methodist Episcopal minister.

Born in Pennsylvania, Reverend W. L. Phillips was educated for the ministry, and subsequently came to Knox county, Ohio, and was assigned to the Northern Ohio Conference. He preached in different places, spending the larger part of his time, however, in Morrow county, where he held various pastorates. He was a regularly ordained preacher at Iberia, and likewise at Fulton, where he built up a large church. He was a man of great intelligence, public-spirited and progressive, and while in Morrow county represented his district in the State Legislature. He married Mary Madden, who was born in 1840 in Perry county, and came with her parents to Morrow county in 1841.

The only child of his parents, Willis T. Phillips attended first the graded schools, completing his early education in the Marengo High School. As a young man he began his active career as an agriculturist, and now owns, in Bennington township, a well improved farm of one hundred acres, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising, meeting with good success in these lines of industry. On October 1, 1909, Mr. Phillips accepted a position with the Ohio State Life Insurance Company, and the following year was credited by the company with doing more business along certain lines than any other of the company's representatives.

At the age of nineteen years, on February 19, 1891, Mr. Phillips married Jennie Randolph, who was born in Stantontown, Peru township, Ohio, December 22, 1871, a daughter of Hiram and Anna (Chase) Randolph. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of three children, namely: William, born November 1, 1892, was graduated from the Marengo High School with the class of 1911; J. Foster, born May 29, 1894; and Leno L., born August 7, 1898. Politically an earnest supporter of the principles of the Republican party, Mr. Phillips is an active worker in its ranks, and is now one of the supervisors of election. Both he and his wife are congenial, pleasant people, prominent in social affairs, and are held in high esteem throughout the community.

SANFORD D. POWELL.—Numbered among the substantial and progressive citizens of Morrow county is Sanford D. Powell, farmer and stockman, who also devotes a part of his well-improved farm of eighty-five acres to the profitable keeping of bees. He is one of the loyal citizens of Morrow county and has paid this favored portion of the Buckeye state the compliment of remaining within its borders throughout nearly the entire course of his life. By the circumstance of birth Mr. Powell belongs to Auglaize county, for it was there that his eyes first opened to the light of day November 28, 1865. His parents were John and Mary (Stevens) Powell, and his paternal grandfather, Peter Powell, was a well-known and highly honored elder of the Baptist church and a native of the state of Virginia. John Powell, like his son, our subject, was a farmer and stock-raiser and the owner of an ad-

vantageously situated farm of one hundred and seventy-one acres, upon which were reared his family of six children. They are as follows: Peter Christian, deceased; George Monroe Powell, residing in Perry county, Ohio; Isaiah Douglas Powell, of St. Louis, Missouri; the subject, who is third in order of birth; Maria, wife of Marion Hart, near Stanton, Ohio; and John W. Powell, who makes his home in Lincoln township.

The early days of Sanford D. Powell were passed amid rural surroundings and to the schools of the county is he indebted for his educational advantages. When he was about twenty years of age he had the misfortune to lose his father and much of the responsibilities of the operation of the farm fell upon his youthful shoulders. He remained upon the homestead with his mother until her death, which occurred in 1904. This admirable lady was previous to her marriage Miss Mary Stevens, daughter of Benjamin Stevens, and she was born in Ohio, in the year 1828, being seventy-six years of age at the time of her demise.

Upon the settlement of the property after the death of his parents Mr. Powell received one sixth of it, and he has added to his share, now owning eighty-five acres. As previously mentioned, in addition to his general farming and stock-raising he also cultivates honey for the market, and has twenty-two stands of bees. His agricultural methods are of the most advanced and enlightened sort and have been crowned with abundant success.

Mr. Powell is a prominent member of the time-honored Masonic Order, his membership being with Mt. Gilead Lodge, No. 206, Free and Accepted Masons; and with Cardington Chapter, No. 163, Royal Arch Masons; while he is also affiliated with Fulton Lodge, No. 433, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In addition he is identified with the Crystal Lodge of Rebekahs, Lodge No. 487, of Fulton, Ohio. In his political proclivities he is Democratic and at one time served as justice of the peace of Lincoln township. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, a wide reader, who studies current events and keeps abreast of the times. He is well known in this section of Morrow county and that favorably, for his honesty and integrity are unswerving, and in consequence he enjoys the respect of the community in which he has spent almost his entire life. His parents removed from Auglaize county to Morrow county in the year 1866.

Mr. Powell comes from a sturdy old Virginia family, and his forbears were prominent in the life of the Old Dominion. His grandfather was a noted clergyman, and although Mr. Powell is not united with any church, he is a liberal supporter of them. He finds his lodge relations a source of great pleasure. Mr. Powell is unmarried.

FREDERIC FANT BRIGGS, the elder son of the late William H. Briggs and wife, was born in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, September 6, 1868.

His childhood and early youth were passed in his native village with his parents and younger brother Charles. He attended the public schools and was graduated in a class of seven in 1886, he and Dr. Frank G. Wieland, now of Chicago, being the only boys in the class.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Briggs were James M. Briggs, an honored physician of Morrow county, Ohio, for many years, who was a native of Washington county, New York, and Sarah Layton Briggs, a native of Erie county, New York. The maternal ancestors were Stephen Fant, a pioneer circuit rider of the Methodist church in Ohio, and Hannah S. Fant, a native of Canada. Our subject's mother was Mary Fant Briggs, who was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan Female College in the class of 1864.

Frederic F. Briggs received many high ideals from his father and mother. His father served nearly three years in Company D, Ninety-sixth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in the V. R. C. For two years, after completing the high school course, he remained at home for rest and study, taking up the study of Greek and other branches with his former instructor, Professor M. W. Spear. In 1889 he entered the University of Michigan, completing his course and taking his degree of A. B. in June, 1893. During his junior and senior years he became active with others in reviving interest in the "Inlander," a literary monthly magazine established a few years previous by the higher classes of the university; during both years he was on the editorial staff. During his senior year he was managing editor with Professors F. N. Scott and John Dewey (now of Columbia) as advisory board. The magazine had among its regular contributors men and women who are now stars in the literary world. I. K. Friedman, Steward Edward White, Harry Carleton Porter and George Wesley Harris, are names familiar to magazine readers. So that, this little College Monthly came to rank among the first, as a production of high literary merit.

Mr. Briggs was elected Professor of English and History at Heidelberg University, Tiffin, Ohio, in 1894, and remained two years, when he resigned to accept a professorship in St. John's College at Annapolis, Maryland, founded in 1784. He taught at this historic old school for four years, when he resigned to go to Chicago to enter the University there, to pursue advanced study in English. At the end of one year there he removed to Los Angeles, California, to join his father's family. Since going there he has been engaged constantly in educational work and has met with marked success.

J. H. TIMS, M. D.—In the death of Dr. J. H. Tims, which occurred on the 23rd of May, 1905, at his home in Sparta, Morrow county, this locality not only lost a good citizen but one of its most

estimable and worthy residents. Dr. Tims was a physician and surgeon of excellent equipment and his citizenship was ever characterized by loyalty and public spirit of the most insistent order. His sphere of work and influence was broad and he had correspondingly large attributes of mind and character, so that he was capable of gaining success in whatever department of work he engaged. Throughout his career he was a scholar and student of more than ordinary ability and he constantly kept abreast of the times in all advancements made in his particular field of usefulness.

Dr. Tims was born on a farm one mile from Sparta, in Morrow county, Ohio, the date of his nativity being August 23, 1833, and he was a son of James and Sarah (Cook) Tims, both of whom were born and reared in the state of New Jersey, whence they immigrated to Ohio in an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Tims were numbered among the industrious and honored citizens of Morrow county, where they passed the residue of their lives on a farm. They became the parents of a large family, only three of whom are now living however, the Doctor being one. He was reared to adult age on the old homestead farm but being of a frail and rather delicate constitution he was unable to lend his aid in the work and management of the home farm. Being of a very studious nature it became the intent of the family to fit him for teaching. Accordingly he was afforded the best of educational advantages and his progress in his school work was of most rapid order. He received his first certificate of teaching when he was but eighteen years of age and for a number of terms he was a popular and successful teacher in the schools of Morrow county. He gained a widespread reputation as a particularly efficient pedagogue and a splendid disciplinarian.

Early in his career Dr. Tims decided upon the medical profession as his life work and with that object in view entered the Homeopathic Medical College, at Cleveland, Ohio, in which excellent institution he was graduated, duly receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He initiated the active practice of his profession at Sparta, where he soon gained recognition as one of the most skilled physicians and surgeons in the entire county and where he rapidly built up a large and lucrative patronage. He was engaged in active practice for a period of forty-two years, during which time he effected some marvelous cures as the result of his innate talent and acquired ability along the lines of one of the most helpful professions to which man may devote his energies, namely, the alleviation of human pain and suffering. In connection with his life work he was affiliated with a number of representative professional organizations and in politics he was a stalwart supporter of the principles and policies for which the Democratic party stands sponsor. In his religious faith he was a devout member of the Advent Christian church, to whose good

works he gave a most liberal support, several churches of that denomination in the Ohio Conference having been materially assisted as a result of his generosity. He was looked upon as one of the best informed Bible students in Morrow county and no one could enjoy his companionship and conversation for any length of time without being very materially benefited thereby.

Dr. Tims was twice married. His first wife was Miss Maria Cook, leaving at her death one daughter, Maria, who is now Mrs. Ely, of Fredericktown. The Doctor was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Whitney. Mrs. Tims preceded her honored husband to the life eternal by a few months. There were no children born to the latter union.

Dr. Tims was a strong temperance man and on a number of occasions, when parties tried to establish a liquor trade in Sparta, he would energetically marshal the temperance forces together and insist on keeping it out. The village of Sparta owed much to Doctor Tims for its high standard of morals and purity of Christian principles. No man in the entire county possessed a wider circle of acquaintances nor a greater number of devoted and loyal friends than he. For a number of years he had suffered from heart trouble and finally, on the 23rd of May, 1905, after eating dinner, he walked into his office, where he was later found seated in his rocker, with hands peacefully folded, "Asleep in Jesus." His death was uniformly mourned by a wide circle of friends throughout Sparta and Morrow county, many of whom attended his funeral, bringing with affectionate hands the beautiful flowers he loved so well. His funeral discourse was delivered by his pastor, Mrs. M. Grove, whose beautiful sermon was an enlargement of the text: "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace." A choir of his Sunday school scholars contributed music in the way of songs and the Doctor's favorite selection "Consolation" was sung by Mrs. Linn Austin and Mrs. Grove. His death was the passing of a great and good man.

JOHN ALLISON.—A substantial and prosperous farmer, and a respected citizen of Morrow county, John Allison is eminently deserving of special mention in a work of this kind. He has spent the larger part of his long life in this vicinity, and has been actively identified with the advancement of its agricultural prosperity, his farm of one hundred and twelve and one-half acres being advantageously located in Bennington township, its rich and arable land being well improved and judiciously cultivated. A son of Obadiah Allison, he was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, June 29, 1834.

Obadiah Allison was also born and reared in Columbiana county, Ohio, being of pioneer stock. About 1844 he moved with his family to Morrow county, purchased land in Bennington town-

ship, and was here engaged in tilling the soil until his death. He was twice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Jemima Burt, having spent her entire life in Columbiana county, her death occurring there in 1838, when their son John was but four years old.

Coming with his father and step-mother to Bennington township when a boy, John Allison was brought up on the home farm, and educated in the district schools. In 1861, responding to President Lincoln's call for seventy-five thousand troops, he enlisted in the Union army for a term of three months, and at the expiration of his time returned home, being unable to reenlist on account of rheumatism, which he had contracted while serving as a soldier. Resuming work on the parental homestead, he has since made farming and stock raising his permanent occupation. For the past fifty years Mr. Allison has been extensively engaged in the sheep business, and has operated extensively in wool, handling all kinds. At the present time, he is not actively engaged in agriculture, having relinquished the management of his farm to his son Fred, who is carrying it on with characteristic ability and success.

Mr. Allison married, May 4, 1862, Mary A. Vail, who died in 1897. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Allison, of whom but two are living, namely: Fred V., born July 25, 1868, and Ralph H., born September 16, 1879.

The eldest son, Fred V., was twice married, his first wife being Nora Duncanson, to which union was born one son, Otto McKinley, graduating in the class of 1911. His second marriage was with Addie Harrison, and one son has also been born to this union, Howard William. Mrs. Allison received a splendid education, having been educated in the public schools, which education was supplemented by a course at Ada Normal School. She afterward taught for some time in the schools of Morrow and Delaware counties. Mr. and Mrs. Fred V. Allison now reside on the home farm which Mr. Allison manages in a very able manner.

Mr. John Allison's second son, Ralph H. was graduated from the Sparta High School, and from the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and is now superintendent of the public schools of Chicago, Huron county, Ohio. He married Mary Osborn, and they have two children, Hilan and Richard Hamil.

A staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Allison takes much interest in local affairs, and has served as land appraiser in Bennington township. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has long been an active worker, and has the distinction of being one of the oldest Free Masons in Morrow county, having united with Chester Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1859. He is also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to the Post at Sparta, Ohio.

WILLIAM GRIFFITH BRENIZER.—A venerable and highly respected man was taken from the community, when the close to the holiday season of 1910, William Griffith Brenizer, a man long and favorably known here, passed on to the Undiscovered Country. Although a native son of Maryland, he had passed practically his entire life here and among his other distinctions was his record of having given valiant and faithful service as a soldier in the northern army at the time of the Civil war. Mr. Brenizer was born, February 26, 1827, and thus at the time of his demise on December 21, 1910, he was thirteen years beyond the psalmist's span of life. He was the son of Jacob and Margaret (Griffith) Brenizer, both of whom were natives of the state of Pennsylvania. They removed to Maryland and when the subject was an infant but two years of age they came across the intervening hills and vales as pilgrims to Morrow county, Ohio. Mr. Brenizer was one of a family of eleven children. The father, Jacob Brenizer, was long a representative agriculturist in Westfield township and his demise occurred October 25, 1869, his wife, Margaret surviving him for nearly a decade, or until March 31, 1879.

William Brenizer was reared under the invigorating influences of farm life and he early became associated with his father in clearing and cultivating their farm of eighty-seven acres. He completed the curriculum of the district schools, to which his father furnished wood in order to pay for his children's tuition. When a young man he worked in the fanning mill factories and he was employed in this business for two years in Indiana, one in Newport, Kentucky, and one in Lima, Ohio. When twenty years of age he went into the cabinet business, with which he was identified for a period of five years, at the expiration of which he turned his attention to agriculture. He purchased a tract of fifty acres of land in Westfield township, which he subsequently sold. In 1853 he bought a tract of one hundred acres in the same township, later adding thereto until he owned an estate of two hundred very valuable acres.

At the beginning of the Civil war Mr. Brenizer was a strong sympathizer with the cause of the Union and in 1862 he enlisted as a soldier in Company C, Eighty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the close of the war. For some time previous to his death he received twenty dollars a month pension as a reward for his former services, and he was a member of St. James Post, No. 82, Grand Army of the Republic. In addition to his farm, Mr. Brenizer owned a beautiful home in Cardington where he resided from the year 1890.

On February 17, 1853, occurred the marriage of the subject to Miss Beulah Ann Shaw, a daughter of John and Permelia (Messenger) Shaw, Reverend Deerpolt performing the ceremony. Mrs. Shaw's parents were prominent and influential citizens of Westfield township where the father was an agriculturist. The

subject and his wife became the parents of two sons: Nelson O., was born in 1854, and received his higher education in Otterbein College at Westerville, Ohio, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1878. After two years in a medical college in Cleveland, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine and is now engaged in the active practice of his profession in Austin, Texas. William C., the second son, who was also afforded excellent educational advantages in his youth is now a farmer in Westfield township. Mr. Brenizer's wife, Beulah A., preceded him to the spirit land July 31, 1909, her death being deeply mourned by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

In politics Mr. Brenizer gave his allegiance to the cause of the Republican party and he held the office of county commissioner at the time of the building of the jail at Mount Gilead, the judicial center of Morrow county. He was converted in 1844 and baptized in June of the same year by Reverend Mr. Moon. Three years after their marriage he and his wife joined the United Brethren church at Fairview under the pastorate of Reverend F. Clymer. He was a constant worker in his church and he held at different times all the offices in the local church, only giving them into other hands when old age came upon him. Although Mr. Brenizer had attained to the great old age of eighty-three years, nine months and twenty-five days, his age rested but lightly upon him and to the last he retained in much of their pristine vigor, the alert qualities of his youth. He was a man of genial disposition and much kindness of character and he held high place in the confidence and regard of his fellow men. Besides his sons and daughters-in-law, he left to mourn him, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, two sisters, and a large number of relatives and friends.

The *Cardington Independent* in an appreciation of his life concluded with this paragraph: "The services were held Friday forenoon. A short service was conducted at the home by the Grand Army of the Republic, of which post he was a member, and afterward the body was taken to the Fairview church where his pastor, Reverend J. G. Turner, conducted the service in the presence of a large and attentive audience. The choir furnished excellent music. The body was interred in the cemetery near by to await the resurrection. He will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren, friends, the church and his fellow citizens."

SAMUEL A. FATE.—One of the many attractive and well ordered farmsteads of Morrow county is that owned by Samuel A. Fate, and it comprises one hundred and four acres of most arable land in section 27, Canaan township. Here are to be found well tilled fields, productive meadows and high grade stock, and the owner is recognized as one of the progressive agriculturists of the

county that has ever been his home since his boyhood days. He is one of the popular influential citizens of his township where he has served in offices of public trust, and in addition to his farming enterprise he has for many years given more or less attention to the painter's trade in which he is a skilled workman.

Samuel A. Fate was born in Washington county, Maryland, on the 4th of July, 1856, and is a scion of families founded in that historic commonwealth in an early day. His parents were John and Margaret (Amick) Fate. John Fate was born January 30, 1833, in Bavaria, Germany, and was a child of four years when brought to America by his parents, John and Barbara Fate. They settled in Washington county, Maryland, where they lived for many years. Of their family but five now survive: Joseph, of Hancock, Maryland; Mrs. Richard, of the same place; Mrs. Littell, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Colbert, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Peter Koon, of Cardington.

At the age of twenty-two, John Fate, father of Samuel, was married in Washington county, Maryland, to Margaret Amick. In 1861, they settled in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, where they resided for over ten years. In 1872, they came to Morrow county, Ohio, and here the father purchased a farm in Canaan township near Edison, and continued to be actively identified with agricultural pursuits for many years. By his first marriage, he was the father of ten children, and eight of this number still survive. May 26, 1894, Mrs. Fate died, and five years later, John Fate married Catherine Heffelfinger, of Westpoint. He was living virtually retired in the village of Westpoint, when he died February 18, 1911, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a man of probity and integrity and had been given the fullest measure of popular esteem in the county that was so long his home. In his political proclivities he was a Republican and religiously he was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife is still a resident of this county and maintains her home in the village of Westpoint.

Samuel A. Fate, the eldest in his parents' family, was fourteen years of age at the time of the family removal to Morrow county and thus he had received his rudimentary education in the public schools of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. He continued to attend school after coming to Morrow county, and his educational discipline included a two years' course in the high school at Mt. Gilead. That he made good use of the advantages thus afforded him is evident from the fact that, at an early age he proved himself eligible for pedagogic honors. He passed the required examination and secured a teacher's certificate, after which he continued as a successful and popular teacher in the district schools of Morrow county for a period of eleven years. He taught principally during the winter terms and in the summer seasons continued his identification with the great industry of agriculture, under whose

benignant discipline he had been reared. He purchased his present farm which comprises one hundred and four acres and made many improvements on the place and it is now one of the model farms of Canaan township. Diversified agriculture and stock raising give from this farm excellent returns, as the owner brings to bear not only energy and industry, but also progressive methods, modern facilities and scientific principles.

A man of strong individuality and broad views, Mr. Fate naturally takes a lively interest in public affairs and gives his aid and influence in support of measures tending to conserve the material and civic advancement and prosperity of the community. He is found aligned as a stalwart advocate of the principles and policies of the Republican party and is well fortified in his political opinions. He served several years as township assessor and has also given efficient service as township clerk, of which office he was incumbent for several years. Mr. Fate is an appreciative member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is affiliated with Denmark Lodge, No. 760, in the neighboring village of Denmark. He is past noble grand of this lodge and has represented the same in the grand lodge of the state.

Mr. Fate was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Worden, who was born and reared in Canaan township and who is a daughter of the late Richard Worden, one of the representative farmers and honored citizens of this township. Mr. and Mrs. Fate have two children. Oscar, who was born on the 31st of July, 1880, is now one of the representative farmers of the younger generation in his native county and resides upon a farm two miles distant from the village of Edison, in Canaan township. Maude, who was born on the 5th of June, 1883, is the wife of H. S. Gruber, a prosperous young farmer of Canaan township.

FRANK WAKELY GUNSAULUS.—As the native sons of America go forth from their home communities into the untried outer world, as uncertain if not as portentuous as the wierd west was to Columbus, they little know how many of those they leave behind are tracing their actions and their careers with trembling interest and warm affection. When those who thus venture into larger fields are blessed with the privilege of radiating a wide and strong influence for good, the home people cannot but glow with a sort of proprietary love for their children who have thus gone into a far country and stimulated greater communities than theirs to high thoughts and high actions. Thus it is with Frank Wakely Gunsaulus, with Dr. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, who spent those periods of his life in Morrow county, which fixed those tendencies, if they did not fully form his character. Those who were his mates in the public and high schools of Chesterville until he was well into his sixteenth year are now middle-aged men and women; but when they have visited Chicago and sat under his words of

inspiration and fraternity at Plymouth church or Auditorium Hall, they could not but turn back into the mist of forty years and see and still love him as their bright-eyed, enthusiastic and affectionate comrade of the youthful times. The home ties are the strongest, after all, both for those who break them and for those who keep them fast.

Dr. Gunsaulus was born in Chesterville, Ohio on the 1st of January, 1856, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Hawley) Gunsaulus. The father was born on the family homestead in Cayuga county, New York, April 29, 1825, and when thirteen years of age was brought by his parents to the farm in Chester township where he spent his boyhood, and commenced to deal in real estate and live stock at a later date. He also read law for a number of years previous to his election, in the fall of 1861, as a representative from Morrow county on the Republican ticket. Taking his seat in January, 1862, he was admitted to the bar during the same winter, and represented his county during the succeeding four years, spending his vacations in the promotion of the Union cause at home. While in Columbus he served on the Military Committee and on the Committee on Municipal Corporations. Returning from the state capital in 1865, he located at Chesterville, where he continued to practice, superintend his farming and real estate interests, and serve his home town as mayor, president of the school board and in other positions of local honor.

Frank W. Gunsaulus spent his boyhood and youth at Chesterville, passing through its grammar school with commendable industry. After graduating from the local high school he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from that institution at his graduation in 1875. His alma mater conferred Master of Arts upon him in 1887, and Beloit College, Wisconsin, D. D., in the same year.

Shortly following his graduation from Wesleyan University, Dr. Gunsaulus was ordained to the Methodist ministry, and preached within the pale of that denomination from 1875 to 1879, but in the latter year became a Congregational clergyman, believing that the tenets of that creed would give him greater freedom in the exercise of his individual views. He served as pastor of the Eastwood Congregational church at Columbus, Ohio, until 1881; of the Newtonville church, Massachusetts, during the succeeding four years; of the Memorial church, Baltimore, from 1885 to 1887; of the Plymouth church, Chicago, from the latter year until 1899, and of the Central church, that city, from 1899 to the present. He has been president of Armour Institute of Technology, with its fourteen hundred students since it was founded by him, through the munificence of the late Philip D. Armour, in 1893. Dr. Gunsaulus became a lecturer of the Yale Theological Seminary in 1882, and for many years has served as professional lecturer at the University of Chicago. As an author he is widely

known through the following: "Metamorphosis of a Creed," 1878; "November at Eastwood," 1879; "Phidias and Other Poems," 1887; "Loose Leaves of Song," 1888; "Songs of Night and Day," 1889; "Monk and Knight," 1889; "Transfiguration of Christ," 1892; "Life of William Ewart Gladstone," 1898; "The Man of Galilee," 1899; "Paths of Power," 1905; "Path to the City of God," 1906; "Higher Ministries of Recent English Poetry," 1907. The above sketch gives but an imperfect idea of the range of Dr. Gunsaulus' thought or activities.

One of the Doctor's Chicago friends and admirers, who gratefully acknowledges the good influence of his printed and spoken words, has rounded out this work in the western metropolis in the following fashion: "The twenty-four years which Dr. Gunsaulus has spent in Chicago have placed him in the front ranks of pulpit orators, organizers, scholars and literateurs. The warm friendship which the late Philip D. Armour conceived for him early in his career suggests a parallel between the practical union of their forces in the establishment of moral and educational institutions, the work carried on by Dwight L. Moody and John V. Farwell. Dr. Gunsaulus was ordained a minister and preached within that denomination for four years, joining Congregationalism in 1879 and preaching in Ohio and Massachusetts before going to Baltimore. While pastor of Plymouth church, Chicago, he accomplished wonders in the development of the Armour missions, and throughout his pastorate showed a strong and practical interest in the young men of the community. In one of his sermons he drew a general outline of an ideal picture of an institution which should scientifically prepare them for the practical duties of life and make special provision for those in humble circumstances, but of moral, ambitious and able characters. After the discourse Mr. Armour, in his impulsive way, met his pastor and offered to found such an institute as he had pictured, provided he would assume its organization and management. This was the origin of the great Armour Institute, of which Dr. Gunsaulus is still president. Notwithstanding that for years he carried the noted technical school upon his shoulders, at the same time he developed a church organization which became so strong and broad in its influences that Central church was formed in 1899, and he commenced his notable services at the Auditorium. This great hall is also filled to overflowing every Sunday forenoon, and Dr. Gunsaulus has long been called the Wendell Phillips of the west and the David Swing of his day."

WINTERS M. BUMP.—A prominent member of the farming community of Bloomfield township, Winters M. Bump is widely and well known throughout this section of Morrow county as an upright, honest man, of sterling worth. He is held in high respect by his fellow-men, and has a host of friends, among whom is Captain Robert F. Bartlett, editor of this volume. A son of

Hiram Bump, he was born, January 13, 1843, in Morrow county, which he has always claimed as home.

Born in New York state, June 15, 1803, Hiram Bump came with his parents to Ohio at an early day, and for many years was successfully employed in tilling the soil in Morrow county. He died when in the prime of life, in 1843. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally Hultz, was born, October 12, 1801, in New Jersey, a daughter of Thomas and Leah (Weatherby) Hultz, who came to Ohio in an early period of its settlement, locating first in Knox county, but afterwards removing to Morrow county.

Winters M. Bump remained on the parental homestead until after the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in defence of his country, and remained in active service, taking part in many of its more important engagements, until receiving his honorable discharge from the army, June 13, 1865. Returning then to his native county, Mr. Bump has since been profitably engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is an excellent neighbor, a sincere friend, and a genial companion, but he has never assumed the responsibilities of married life.

JAMES A. HIXENBAUGH.—A well-known citizen of South Bloomfield township, James A. Hixenbaugh served with distinction in the Civil war, and has since been actively identified with various pursuits, having been a merchant, mill owner and operator, and a farmer, in connection with his agricultural labors having for upwards of a quarter of a century threshed much of the grain produced in this part of the state. A son of H. B. Hixenbaugh, he was born, August 31, 1842, in Stark county, Ohio. He is of thrifty German ancestry, his paternal grandparents, Jacob and Emeline (Ancherson) Hixenbaugh, having emigrated from Germany to the United States in 1819, locating in Pennsylvania, where their children were reared.

H. B. Hixenbaugh was born, April 4, 1819, in mid-Ohio, while his parents were en route from the Fatherland to this country. Leaving home on attaining his majority, he located on a farm in Stark county, Ohio, and by dint of hard labor improved a good homestead. He married, in 1840, Mary Baxter, who was born in Carroll county, Ohio, in 1819, a daughter of James and Sarah (Harchester) Baxter. Her father, left an orphan when a child, was a man of unusual energy and ability, and by his own efforts achieved success in life, in 1840, at the time of his daughter Mary's marriage, having been one of the wealthiest men of Carroll county, where he was owner of eleven hundred and forty acres of land.

Soon after the breaking out of the Civil war, James A. Hixenbaugh's patriotic spirit was fully aroused, and he bravely offered his services to his country, enlisting in Company A, Seventy-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Columbus. Going with his command to Washington, D. C., he subsequently took an active

part in the engagements at Cold Harbor and Bermuda Hundred, during the campaign of the spring of 1864 being under fire at times from twelve to fifteen days at a stretch. While at Cold Harbor, Mr. Hixenbaugh was taken ill with the measles, and for nine days was in a Philadelphia hospital. He was afterwards stricken with typhoid fever, sent home on furlough, and subsequently discharged. Recovering his health, Mr. Hixenbaugh enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for one hundred days, and at the expiration of his term of enlistment, September 2, 1864, was honorably discharged from the service. Not of age when he first enlisted, Mr. Hixenbaugh obtained his mother's consent to do so by promising to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks, a promise that he religiously kept. On the second day out, he, with his comrades, was lined up to receive his portion of whiskey. Taking the cup as it was passed to him, Mr. Hixenbaugh emptied its contents on the ground, and the Colonel, who witnessed the act, commanded him to report at headquarters, and there inquired why he threw it out. On being told, the colonel arose, shook Mr. Hixenbaugh's hand, and said that he was the first soldier he had met who had brought his mother with him to the army, and immediately placed him in a more lucrative position, and later favored him in various ways. The daring bravery of Mr. Hixenbaugh in saving the lives of himself and twenty comrades by stamping on the fuse of a shell that fell within two feet of where he was standing was warmly commended, and gave evidence of his coolness and courage in the face of danger.

Returning to Knox county, Ohio, after his discharge from the army, Mr. Hixenbaugh began farming in Mount Vernon, which he has seen grow from a small hamlet into a thriving city of nine thousand souls. Subsequently disposing of his farm, he opened a general store in Sparta, Morrow county, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits a few years. Selling that business, he was engaged in the manufacture of lumber and shingles for seven years, owning and operating a saw mill and a shingle mill successfully. Until thirteen years old Mr. Hixenbaugh was unable to speak a word of English, but beginning then to attend school in South Bloomfield township, he soon acquired a good knowledge of the English tongue. For twenty-six years, he ran a threshing machine in and around this township, beginning at the age of sixteen years, when horse power was used, and finishing with the traction engine.

Mr. Hixenbaugh married, November 24, 1864, Nancy White, who was born, August 15, 1847, in Ohio, the parents migrating from Pennsylvania to this state in 1833. Her mother died when she was sixteen months old, and she was reared by her father, with whom she remained until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Hixenbaugh have three children, namely: Minnie, born February 2,

1867, is the wife of H. T. Burely, of Mount Vernon; William B., born August 5, 1869, is a resident of Sunbury, Ohio; and Floy, wife of R. Mellinzer, of Mount Vernon, was born April 5, 1885. A strong supporter of the principles of the Republican party, Mr. Hixenbaugh has served on the local school board, and has held the various township offices within the gift of his fellow-citizens. He is a member of Crayton Orr Post, No. 501, Grand Army of the Republic, and draws a pension of twenty-four dollars a month for his services in the army. Although he has usually been successful in his active career, Mr. Hixenbaugh has met with some handicaps, among others having been unfortunate enough to lose two thousand, six hundred and sixty-five dollars through the failure of the James Trumbull Bank at Mount Gilead.

ELMER S. STULTZ.—Most of the successful men of America are self-made and it is one of the glories of our republic that this is so. It shows that opportunities are afforded to the citizen of the United States and that they possess the courage, determination and strength to make the best use of the advantages which surround them. An enterprising and progressive citizen of the younger generation in Morrow county Ohio, is Elmer S. Stultz, who is preparing himself to launch forth on the sea of life as a representative of the pedagogic profession. He was born at Richmond, Jefferson county, Ohio, on the 10th of January, 1890, a son of Adam and Delilah A. (Harper) Stultz, both of whom were born and reared in Ohio. George and Mary A. (Fendrick) Stultz, paternal grandparents of him to whom this sketch is dedicated, were natives of Germany, whence they immigrated to America about the year 1845, locating at Columbus, Ohio. George Stultz was a shoemaker by trade and he was identified with that line of enterprise at Columbus during the remainder of his life. He died in 1880 and his wife passed away in 1895. Adam Stultz attended the public schools of Columbus until he had attained to the age of fifteen years, at which time he entered upon an apprenticeship at the turner's trade. In 1885 was solemnized his marriage to Miss Delilah A. Harper, who was born in this county on the 16th of January, 1865, a daughter of William H. and Mary J. (Bower) Harper. Mr. Harper was a carpenter by trade and for a time he conducted a general merchandise store at Bloomfield. Mrs. Adam Stultz was summoned to eternal rest on the 21st of October, 1902, being survived by her husband and three sons: Albert L., born June 3, 1886, is now employed in a railroad office at Crestline, Ohio; William H., born August 11, 1888, is engaged in business at Sparta; and Elmer S., the immediate subject of this review.

Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stultz established their home at Mount Gilead, where he was identified with the work of his trade for a period of ten years, at the expiration of which removal was made to Richmond, Ohio, where they remained

seven years and whence they came to Sparta, in 1902. Mr. Stultz is a Democrat in his political proclivities and while he has never been ambitious for the honors or emoluments of public office he is most loyal and public-spirited in his support of all measures and enterprises advanced for the general welfare. His religious faith is in harmony with the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1895 he affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all the official chairs and in which he is treasurer at the present time, in 1911.

Elmer S. Stultz was reared and educated at Mount Gilead and at Richmond, later supplementing his preliminary training by a course in the high school at Sparta, in which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1907. For the past three years he has been engaged in teaching in this township and he is gradually fitting himself for work as a high-grade teacher. In the fall of 1911 he will begin to study in the Ohio State University. He is a young man of most exemplary habits, is highly esteemed in this town and it may be said concerning him that his circle of friends is coincident with that of his acquaintances. He is a successful and popular teacher and his entire career thus far has been active, progressive and determined. He carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and he is a young man whose strong individuality is the strength of integrity, virtue and deep human sympathy.

ALBAN YOEMANS.—One of the best known and most influential of the citizens of Cardington and Morrow county is Alban Yoemans, agriculturist, lumberman, dealer in horses, in short one of the most active men of affairs in the locality. His various vocations have been such as to give him an unusually wide acquaintance; in his early days he was a sawyer, then an engineer; he has shipped horses for years, which has brought him into contact with many men; and he has that geniality and magnetism which makes a man not easily forgotten. His strenuous life has agreed with him remarkably well and to-day he has the appearance of a man of not over forty-five years of age, when in reality he can lay claim to nearly twenty more.

This gentleman who has spent so many years within the borders of Morrow county is a native of Chester county, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred not far from the city of Philadelphia, June 17, 1847, and he was the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, equally divided as to sons and daughters. Of this number only three are living at the present day, and all are Morrow county residents. Hannah Jane is the widow of Paul C. Wheeler, and Margaret is the wife of A. E. Criswell, an agriculturist. The parents of Alban Yoemans were Thomas and Nancy (Goodman) Yoemans. The former was born in Lincolnshire, England, about the year 1818 and died in 1900, at a very advanced

age. He sailed with his parents from Liverpool when he was but a child and the little party of immigrants to the freedom and opportunity of the new world were three weeks crossing the ocean. They arrived at Baltimore, Maryland, and went thence to Chester county, Pennsylvania. The head of the household was a stone mason by trade and soon found work to do. Young Thomas was reared to manhood's estate in Chester county and he followed the example set by so many of the easterners and came to Ohio, where he looked about him and finally located in Morrow, here purchasing a farm upon which he spent many years and reared his large family. The family lived in a log cabin at first and although they came about the Civil war period, many conditions, compared with those of the present, were still rather primitive. Politically Thomas Yoemans was an old line Whig. He voted for the first Republican presidential candidate, General Fremont, and until his demise he continued to give unswerving allegiance to those principles. He was everywhere known for his strictest integrity and honesty, these virtues being the keynote to his life. He made a firm stand for right principles and he was of benevolent nature, with ever a kind word and a kinder deed for the poor and unfortunate. He did the state the greatest service within his power by teaching his children to lead useful and honorable lives. In the matter of religious conviction he was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a member for over fifty years and for a long period holding the office of deacon in the church. It is indeed gratifying that so fine a citizen should have been granted so long a life. His wife was born May 8, 1820, and died July 24, 1896. She was a native of the Keystone state.

Mr. Yoemans was a lad about fifteen years of age when the family located in Morrow county. For such educational advantages as it was given to him to enjoy he is indebted to the public schools. He is, however, to a great extent, self-educated and self-made and his success is owing to his extreme honesty and never-tiring energy. As suggested in preceding paragraphs he has had varied experience in the world of affairs. He began his struggle to gain foothold in the business world when about twenty years of age and he was empty handed, without a ten dollar bill to his name. His first experience was in the lumber business. Then the walnut trees stood thick upon the broad acres of Morrow county and he prepared for commerce hundreds of thousands of feet of beautiful walnut lumber, selling it for a pittance, compared to modern prices for this prized commodity. He erected a saw-mill east of Cardington and for fifteen years was engaged in conducting that. He has sold first-class walnut lumber for forty dollars per thousand, where the same commodity will now sell for one hundred and thirty dollars per thousand.

It was about the year 1878, that Mr. Yoemans first engaged in the shipping of horses in which he has since conducted extensive

operations. He dealt in horses—driving, draft and street-car—and his first large shipment was to Cincinnati. His operations in this line steadily increased and he eventually became known as one of the most extensive, if not, indeed, entitled to the superlative term, of the shippers of the state of Ohio. For fifteen years, his dealings with the people of Morrow and adjoining counties amounted annually to one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. He shipped extensively to Boston, New York City, Newark (New Jersey), Buffalo, and St. Louis. He has had a wide experience and is rightfully accounted as one of the most successful men of his township. He is and always has been an extensive property owner, having owned three farms in Morrow county, and to-day he owns one of the most beautiful and well improved agricultural properties hereabout, the same being situated not far from the corporate limits of Cardington. Having so much to do with the equine species, he erected one of the finest and best equipped barns in all Morrow county. It is a wonder in the excellence of its fittings and well repays inspection, for Mr. Yoemans is one of those who believe that "Order is Heaven's first law," and here everything has a place and is found in its place.

Alban Yoemans, although very young when the first guns were fired at Sumter, was nevertheless one of the brave boys who went to the front at the time of his country's danger. He enlisted from Mt. Gilead, in May, 1863, in Company G, of the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, his captain being John Baxter. The regiment was sent to Fort Williams, south of Washington, D. C., to guard the forts and there a large portion of his term of service passed. He received his honorable discharge August, 1864, and at once returned home to don civilian's garb.

In September, 1869, Mr. Yoemans was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Sipe and their union has been blessed by the birth of four children. Ella is the wife of Ralph Shockley and resides in California; Cora, widow of Henry Hutchinson, makes her home with her father. Edson Leroy died at the age of twenty-one years and in the fullness of his promise. Ida, the youngest daughter is at home. Mrs. Yoemans was a daughter of Jobe and Hannah Sipe, a native of Morrow county, educated in the public schools and reared upon her father's farm. She was a member of the United Brethren church and devout in her religious belief. The demise of this worthy lady occurred in May, 1879. Mr. Yoemans chose for his second wife, Huldah Ann Barge, daughter of Lewis and Susan Barge, and a native of Morrow county, Ohio, and their union, solemnized in the year 1882, resulted in the birth of three children, only one of whom is living at the present. This is Lewis B., a blacksmith by trade. The second Mrs. Yoemans was removed from those scenes in which she had passed a life of usefulness and honor, March 5, 1907. The subject is a staunch adherent of the Republican party and cast his first vote for General

Grant. He has ever stood firmly for the cause of the Grand Old Party, but has never aspired to any official position. He was once, however, prevailed upon to accept the duties of sheriff and his energy and diligence in carrying out its various duties was admirable, and his cleverness as a detective of wrong doing was widely heralded. .

Although so long in the horse business, Mr. Yoemans was free from any of the habits which frequently accompany the vocation. He never smoked a cigar, has never used tobacco in any form; has eschewed gambling and betting and was never intoxicated in all his life. His influence is admirable and this is particularly well for Morrow county, that one so widely known and one so widely admired, especially by the young, should be of such exemplary life.

The beautiful farm upon which the Yoemans home is made has changed hands but once since it was entered from the government so many years ago. It is adorned with a commodious and modern home and is a favorite gathering place in Morrow county.

BENJAMIN F. THUMA has long been numbered among the able exponents of the great basic industry of agriculture in Morrow county and he is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred acres in Perry township. There he continued to maintain his home until April, 1910, when he was appointed superintendent of the Morrow County Infirmary in Gilead township, an office of which he remained incumbent until the newly elected Democratic Board of the Morrow County Infirmary appointed his successor to fill the position. In this office he gave a most effective administration, the while he had due appreciation of the necessities and misfortunes of the county wards entrusted to his care. He showed an abiding and helpful sympathy for the inmates of the infirmary, but never allowed this to interfere with proper discipline and his executive policy and discriminating service well justified the official preferment conferred upon him. He is one of the well known and highly esteemed citizens of the county and is well entitled to recognition in this publication.

Mr. Thuma views with due satisfaction and pride the fact that he can claim the fine old Buckeye commonwealth as the place of his nativity and that he is a scion of one of the old and honored families of Morrow county. He was born on the homestead farm of his father in Perry township, Morrow county, Ohio, on the 25th of January, 1854, and is a son of Simon and Eliza (Shuler) Thuma, natives of Pennsylvania. Simon Thuma, whose ancestors came from Switzerland, was one of a family of fourteen children, ten boys and four girls, two of whom died in infancy. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1817 and in 1835 he came on foot to Perry township, Richland county, Ohio, and worked at the blacksmith trade. He was married to Eliza Shuler in the year,

1842. She also was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and was one of a family of six children. She came with the family to Perry township, Richland county, Ohio, in the year 1832. Mr. and Mrs. Thuma lived in a log hut three miles northeast of Johnsville, where two children were born; Esterville, June 18, 1844 and John Wesley, March 17, 1846. In the spring of 1846 they moved to Johnsville where they lived for one month only, until a log house could be built on the farm of one hundred and fifty acres in the woods one mile southwest of the village. Here were born William Otterbein, May 18, 1848; David Edward, March 8, 1851; and Benjamin Franklin, the subject of our sketch, January 25, 1854. The father died October 18, 1855, of pneumonia. He was an earnest Christian, a member of the United Brethren church and a strong anti-slavery advocate. He was numbered among the industrious agriculturists of Morrow county, where he reclaimed and developed a productive farm and where he continued to reside until his death, secure in the high regard of all who knew him. The mother remained on the farm and raised the family until they were able to take care of themselves, being left a widow at the age of thirty-one years. With the determination of a loving mother, the children were brought up with strict discipline which was highly appreciated and commended in after years. Living a christian life from childhood, she resigned this life at the age of eighty-four years and was buried beside her husband in Shanck cemetery.

B. F., as he was usually known, left his parental roof when sixteen years of age, to accept a position in a general store of S. W. Wagner & Brother, later clerking for his brother, John Wesley, in the drug store. He became a practical pharmacist and for several years conducted a drug store of his own at Butler, Ohio. In 1876 he disposed of the drug business and went back to his native town. In 1877 he entered the employ of Talmage Brothers, of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, for the sale of the Champion mowers, reapers and binders in the northern part of Morrow county and in Richland county, with whom he remained until the year 1883, when he purchased the stove and tin store of Johnsville and conducted the business successfully. A few years later he took in plumbing, pump and general machine work, and is generally known as an all round mechanic. After the election of President McKinley, his name was mentioned in connection with others for postmaster at Shauck, and he received the appointment. As soon as his daughter, Marie Avalie, became eighteen years old, she was sworn in as his assistant and conducted the office nearly eight years and was praised by all for her accuracy and ability.

In 1896, after the death of his father-in-law, Abraham Miller, Mr. Thuma purchased part of the farm and now has one hundred acres of as good fertile land as the county has. The improvements are all new and on his own plans, he built one of the first silos

in the county. He made dairying a specialty and owns one of the finest Jersey herds in the country and prides himself in trying to do things well and advocates alfalfa hay and ensilage with confidence of its economical essentials in the economic production of milk and believes the salvation of our country depends on intensive agriculture. Bringing to bear marked energy and mature judgment, he has achieved special success in all departments of his farming enterprise. His farm is located in section 4, Perry township and is one of the valuable farm properties of the county and shows forth thrift and prosperity as the direct result of the efforts of its owner. Mr. Thuma has ever been unflagging in his allegiance to the Republican party and has been an active worker in its local ranks. Since retiring from the position of superintendent of the infirmary he has devoted his time with his son, Mark, to his farm and the stock industry.

On the 5th of September, 1875, Mr. Thuma was united in marriage to Miss Nevada L. Miller, a daughter of Abraham and Jane Miller. She was born and reared in Morrow county, Ohio, and they have five children, two sons and three daughters, each of whom has been afforded the advantages of the high school of Johnsville.

Marie Avalie, born December 18, 1879, was united in marriage to Dr. Clarence W. Bixler, August 31, 1905, and is now living in Erie, Colorado. Mark Abraham, born March 13, 1882, chose school teaching as his profession, but is now living on the home farm adopting agriculture and being interested in dairying. On August 26, 1909, he married the only daughter of S. A. Durbin. Ada Celestia, born April 8, 1886, was united in marriage to Jacob R. Dawson, February 10, 1910, and is now living near Fredericktown, Ohio, on a farm. Loy Edward, born May 27, 1888, was united in marriage to the daughter of J. L. Sowers, June 9, 1910, and is living in Johnsville, Ohio, following plumbing and the sale of gasoline engines. Ruth Elizabeth, born May 28, 1895, now attending high school in Mt. Gilead, Ohio, will soon graduate. All the children, excepting Ruth, have graduated from high school.

ZENAS B. PEOPLES.—A prominent agriculturist of Congress township, Morrow county, Ohio, is Zenas B. Peoples, who here owns and operates a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Everything about his highly cultivated estate is indicative of thrift and prosperity and throughout this region Mr. Peoples is recognized as a man of sterling integrity of character and as a citizen whose contribution to progress and development has ever been of the most insistent order. Mr. Peoples was born in this county, the date of his nativity being October 9, 1857. He is a son of William and Mary (Cook) Peoples, the former of whom was a prominent farmer of this section of the fine old Buckeye state whose demise occurred on the 5th of June, 1880, at the age of fifty-five years. William Peoples was a son of David Peoples, who was reared in Jefferson

county, this state, his parents having been natives of Ireland, whence they came to America about the year 1780. David Peoples accompanied his parents to Franklin township, Morrow county, in 1810, at which time he was a child of but five years of age. At that time Franklin township was an uninhabited wilderness and Robert Peoples, great-grandfather of Zenas B., entered a tract of two hundred acres of government land, which he cleared and on which he reared to maturity a large family of children. His son, David Peoples, died in 1865 at the age of seventy-three years. The marriage of William Peoples to Miss Mary Cook was solemnized on the 11th of May, 1854, and to them were born four children: Louisa, whose birth occurred on the 28th of February, 1855; Zillah and Zenas, born October 9, 1857; and Kate, born April 2, 1866. Louisa married Davis Hetrick and resides in Congress township, this county; Zillah is the wife of Michael Hirth and maintains her home in the city of Cleveland, Ohio; Zenas is the immediate subject of this review; and Kate married Jacob Volk, of Cleveland, Ohio. William Peoples at the time of his death, was the owner of a farm of one hundred and ten acres of most productive land, which was divided among his children.

Mary (Cook) Peoples, the mother of him whose name introduces this article, was a descendant of a long line of illustrious people. She was a daughter of William P. and Louisa (Mann) Cook and her birth occurred on the 29th of August, 1830. William P. Cook was a native of the state of Maryland, whence he came to Ohio in the early pioneer days, locating on a farm in Morrow county, where he raised a family of four children. He was a son of Reverend John Cook, a minister in the Baptist church, who was long a noted preacher in Maryland and who served as chaplain in the war of the Revolution. After immigrating to Ohio, Reverend Cook settled in Morrow county on the north fork of Owl creek, where he purchased a tract of seven hundred acres of land and where he divided his time between preaching and farming.

Zenas B. Peoples was reared to adult age on the old homestead farm and his preliminary education consisted of such advantages as were offered in the public schools of the locality and day. When nineteen years of age, through reading and close application to his studies, he was enabled to teach school, which he did for the ensuing eight years. He is now the owner of a fine farming property of one hundred and twenty acres and he devotes his attention to diversified agriculture and the raising of high grade stock. He is a prominent member of the Pleasant Grove Christian church, in which he was an elder for two years and in which he has served as clerk for the past year. In politics he accords a stalwart allegiance to the principles and policies of the Democratic party, in the local councils of which he has long been an influential leader. He is an ardent temperance advocate and is a member of the township board of school directors. Mr. Peoples is a well informed,

affable gentleman and one whose dealings have all been characterized by uprightness and most honorable methods.

On the 13th of May, 1882, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Peoples to Miss Jennie Maxwell, a daughter of James P. and Susan (Swallum) Maxwell. She was born on the 12th of February, 1860, and was reared on the farm on which she and her husband now reside. Her father was summoned to the life eternal on the 2nd day of May, 1898, at the age of eighty years, and her mother passed away on the 24th of January, 1902, at the age of seventy-nine years. James P. Maxwell came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, as a young man. He was an early pioneer in this county and he traced his ancestry back to stanch Scotch-Irish extraction. Mrs. Peoples' great-grandfather, on the maternal side, was John Swallum, who was taken from school when a mere boy and forced into service as a soldier in the Hessian army. Subsequently he was captured by the American forces and then became a gallant and faithful soldier under General Washington. To Mr. and Mrs. Peoples were born two children: Jessie, the elder, and Ward M. Jessie was educated in the public schools and at Angola, Indiana, Normal School, and she has been a popular and successful teacher in the schools of Morrow county and at Cleveland, Ohio, for the past nine years. Ward M. lives on a farm adjoining his father's and he is married to Miss Norma Elizabeth Fish; they have one child, Maxwell Beck Peoples, whose birth occurred on the 13th of May, 1909.

COLONEL JOHN S. COOPER.—When Colonel John S. Cooper, commanding the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was so honorably mustered out of his four years' service in the Union army, he was only twenty-four years of age. Soon afterward he located in Chicago to study law and was absorbed into the great civil body of the nation as a vital and vitalizing personal element; that fine type of manhood, whose steadfast courage and brilliant deeds of war were founded on moral convictions and a high standard of faith. He had smoothly melted into the blue ranks of the Federal army with several hundred other fine, bright-eyed students of Oberlin College, and by merit and an irresistible something—which, in war and peace, has been branded "dash"—he rose through the consecutive grades to the lieutenant-colonelcy, commanding his regiment during the last year of his military service.

As a lawyer, Colonel Cooper never lowered his standard of faithfulness, thoroughness and prompt and fine execution of whatever movement he undertook, his legal character being well indicated by the remark of a professional friend and opponent. "When Colonel Cooper was on the opposite side of a suit," he remarked with a reminiscent twinkle, "we knew we were engaged in a legal contest to be finally decided in the court of last resort."

No higher tribute can be paid to this beloved soldier, lawyer and citizen, than to say that he was ever a brave, a manly, a generous opponent, when the battle was on, and the first to extend the friendly hand when the conflict was over, whether he had emerged from it loser or victor.

John Snider Cooper was a native of Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, born on the 23rd of July, 1841, to Isaac and Elma (Talmage) Cooper, pioneers themselves and widely connected with the pioneer families of the locality. The son was orphaned at an early age, and was lovingly received into the family of his uncle, James Madison Talmage, where he reached young manhood in close friendship with his cousins Viola and Eugene Talmage, and (now) Mrs. Annis Olds and Mrs. Emma Barton. His ideals of life were therefore largely received through the precept and example of his good uncle.

Colonel Cooper obtained his earlier education in the Mount Gilead schools. Although usually active, both physically and mentally, he was never unbalanced or unruly, but seemed to instinctively perceive the value of combining discipline with alertness and of curbing ambition with common sense. His progress was therefore both rapid and substantial. About his last school days at Mount Gilead were in 1857, when Professor Edward Miller presided over the old school house which stood near the present high school structure. At the age of sixteen he entered Oberlin College, in which he was a senior at the outbreak of the Civil war. On April 25, 1861, almost at the outset of hostilities, he enlisted in Company C, Seventh Ohio Volunteers, in which regiment he was later made sergeant, and in October, 1862, was promoted from sergeant to captain in the Eighth Regiment, United States Colored Troops, and on November 17, 1864, was commissioned as lieutenant colonel of the One Hundred and Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out of the service July 10, 1865, after more than four years of fighting, marching and soldierly campaigning. He was severely wounded in one of the battles before Richmond, Virginia, in 1864; but notwithstanding this, and his hard and continuous service, both in the engineering corps and as a commander of troops, he came to Chicago soon after his discharge, entered vigorously into the study of the law and was admitted to practice.

Colonel Cooper's fame as a Chicago attorney was largely gained in the practice of corporation law, and as one of the leaders handling of suits which involved important business and financial of the bar had a most substantial reputation for the successful interests and broad questions of the law bearing upon them. He saw deeply, quickly and clearly into the most profound and complicated litigation, and spared nothing to master every detail, technicality and fact affecting the matter at issue. The result of the complete mastery of his subject matter was that he always

presented his cases to jury or court with the same force and clearness as its conception and evolution in his own mind. No wonder that his clients had unbounded confidence in him, and that his fellow-attorneys "on the other side," highly respected and, sometimes feared him—the latter, only if their cause was not just.

One of Colonel Cooper's acts which earned him fame far beyond the bounds of his home city or state was his organization of the Minnesota Park and Forest Association, which resulted in the establishment of the Minnesota National Park by congressional act. He was one of the leaders in the movement which, even since his death, has so gathered in strength looking toward the conservation of the vast natural resources of the United States, which the past generation have dissipated with such criminal carelessness and avariciousness. The persistent agitation, under his leadership, by which congress was induced to set aside the splendid park in Minnesota, was in direct line with the general movement which is sweeping the nation at this time. During his long residence in Chicago he also kept in affectionate touch with his old comrades-in-arms, being an active member of the George H. Thomas Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Commandery of Illinois.

On the 23rd of July, 1873, Colonel Cooper was united in marriage with Miss Minnie A. Curtis, of Michigan. Their union occurred in that city and to the old home of the mourning widow were taken the remains of the gallant soldier, able lawyer and high-minded citizen, after his mortal life flickered away, November 20, 1907.

ISAAC HICKSON.—Distinguished not only as a prosperous agriculturist and a highly respected citizen, but as a fine representative of the self-made men of our times, Isaac Hickson has been a resident of Morrow county for upwards of forty years, and during that time has established for himself a reputation for honesty and integrity such as any man might well be proud of. Many of Ohio's most thrifty and successful farmers were born on the other side of the Atlantic; and to England, especially, is the state indebted for some of her most enterprising and thrifty citizens. Prominent among these is the gentleman whose name we have placed at the head of this sketch. He was born, February 26, 1856, in Lincolnshire, England, his father dying two years later, in 1858.

Mr. Hickson's mother married for her second husband William Denton, an Englishman born and bred, and in 1869 came with her husband and children to the United States, locating in Westfield township, Morrow county, Ohio. Six months after arriving in this country Mr. Denton died, and his widow married for her third husband Cunningham McFeter. Of her union with Mr. Hickson, four children were born, one of whom died in early life, and three

are living, as follows: Mary J., wife of John Erby, of England; Betsey, wife of John Skinner, of London, England; and Isaac, the subject of this brief sketch. By her second marriage, she had one child, William Denton, a resident of Cardington, Ohio.

The family being poor, Isaac Hickson was early thrown upon his own resources, and for five years lived with a neighboring farmer, working for his board and clothes, and attending the district schools of Westfield township. Subsequently continuing in the employ of the same man, he worked for wages for two years, receiving two hundred dollars a year for his work, and at the end of the time had saved up enough money to buy a team, and embark in farming on his own responsibility. Energetic, industrious, and ambitious, he farmed, teamed, and worked at anything which he found profitable, laboriously toiling onward and upward, until through his own efforts he has gained a position of affluence and influence in the community, being now one of the foremost agriculturists of Westfield township. He has brought up his children to habits of thrift and usefulness, and given to each superior educational advantages, making them valued and trustworthy citizens.

Mr. Hickson married at the age of twenty-three years, on April 13, 1879, Miss Alice Coomer, a daughter of Morris and Sarah (Cluck) Coomer and the descendant of an honored pioneer family. She was born on the farm where she now resides, and was educated in the district schools of Westfield township, while under her mother's teaching she was well trained in all domestic arts, becoming a fine housekeeper and home maker. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hickson, namely: Dean M., born September 25, 1881; Ray C., born September 2, 1883; and Ross, born June 18, 1887.

Acquiring his preliminary education in the graded schools of Ashley, Dean M. Hickson was subsequently graduated from the Ashley High School, after which he taught school a while. Desirous of further advancing his education, he entered the Ohio State University, where he received the degree of bachelor of arts, and later, in 1911, was given the degree of master of arts. Ray C. Hickson, the second son, was educated in the public schools, and is now mail carrier on rural free delivery, route No. 2, Ashley. He married Margaret Curren. Ross, the youngest son, received a practical common school education, and is now profitably engaged in general farming.

Mr. Hickson and his sons are all members of Ashley Lodge, No. 407, Free and Accepted Masons, of which Ray Hickson is now Master, and Dean M. Hickson is also a member of Marion Commandery, Knights Templars. Politically Mr. Hickson is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and for many terms has served as township trustee.

ALFORD F. RANDOLPH.—To Mr. Randolph belongs the distinction not only of being one of the older native born citizens of Morrow county, but also of belonging to one of the oldest families of America. He is of the seventh generation from Elizabeth Blossom, who in the first year of her life came with the Pilgrims in the Mayflower and landed at Plymouth Rock "on the stern and rock-bound coast" of New England, December 21, 1620. She was born in the year 1620, in the city of Leyden, Holland, whence her parents had fled a few years previous, under the leadership of Brewster and Robinson, in order to escape religious persecution in England, their native land. On the 10th day of May, 1837, she was married by the Reverend John Lathrope, pastor of the churches at Seitate and Barnstable, Massachusetts, to Edward F. Randolph, who was born in Nottinghamshire, England, in the year 1617, and had come to Plymouth, Massachusetts in the year 1630. About the year 1668, Edward F. and Elizabeth Randolph left Massachusetts and removed to New Jersey, locating at Piscataway, where he soon after died. Later his widow married Captain John Pike, of Woodbridge, New Jersey, who was an ancestor of General Zebulon Montgomery Pike, who was killed at the attack on Toronto, (then York) Canada, in 1813, and who won distinction for having discovered the source of the Mississippi river and the mountain in Colorado that still bears his name—Pike's Peak.

Nathaniel F. Randolph, son of Edward F. and Elizabeth Randolph, was married at Barnstable, Massachusetts to Mary Holby, in November, 1660, and about 1667 he removed to Woodbridge, New Jersey. In the year 1693, he represented Woodbridge in the state assembly held at Perth Amboy. From 1705 to 1713, the church services of the Friends were held in his house and his descendants were members of that church for several generations. His son Edward married Katherine Hartshorn, daughter of Richard and Margaret Hartshorn, of Middleton, Monmouth county, New Jersey. Richard Hartshorn was sheriff of Monmouth county and represented his county in the assembly in which he served as speaker and he was also a member of the governor's council.

George Fox, founder of the Friends church, makes mention in his published journal of travel in America of having been entertained in the Randolph home. The younger son of Edward and Katherine Randolph, was Hartshorn F. Randolph, for whom the township of Randolph in Morris county, New Jersey, was named. The wife of Governor Thomas Corwin, of Ohio, was his granddaughter. Edward F. Randolph, son of Edward and Katherine Randolph and an older brother of Hartshorn F. Randolph was born July 5, 1706, and was married to Phoebe Jackson, of Flushing, Long Island, in August, 1734. Their oldest son, James F. Randolph, born August 16, 1735, was twice married and reared a large family. He migrated to what was then considered the far west and located near Rice's Landing on the Monongahela river in

Green county, Pennsylvania, where he died June 1, 1828. His son, James F. Randolph, the second, was born September 9, 1767, and married Catherine Baker, of Rahway, New Jersey, in 1793. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and for this offence her husband was excommunicated from the Friends' church. He removed with his father to Green county, Pennsylvania, where he resided a few years, but being imbued with the pioneer spirit of the times, he pushed on farther west and in the year 1817, in company with his family, located on Alum creek, in Peru township, Morrow county, Ohio. His wife, Catherine Baker, was born at Rahway, New Jersey, April 18, 1767, and was the daughter of Cornelius Baker. Her mother's maiden name was Susanna Lee, who was born February 28, 1736, and she was the daughter of Adam Lee. Cornelius Baker was born May 5, 1739, and died November 5, 1815: His father, Henry Baker, was born in England in the year 1700 and came to America about the year 1730, settling near Rahway, New Jersey, on the road from Rahway to Elizabethtown, in the Province of East New Jersey. He died March 17, 1760. Mary Hatfield, his wife, was born in the year 1705 and died in 1755. Their remains lie buried in the burying-ground of the First Presbyterian church in Rahway, New Jersey. Henry Baker was a son of Vice-Admiral Baker of the English navy.

James F. Randolph, the third, was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1811, and when but six years of age he came with his parents, James F. and Catherine Randolph, to their new home on Alum creek, in Peru township, where with parents, brothers and sisters, he shared the hardships incident to the establishment of a new home in the wilderness. He was married to Miss Marry Butters in Bennington township in 1829, his wife being the daughter of Rev. Alford Butters, a physician and minister, who immigrated to Bennington township from the state of Maine at the close of the war of 1812. He was a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal church and a practicing physician, which profession he followed until the close of his life, which occurred in the year 1837. He built the first frame dwelling house in Bennington township, which is still occupied and in a fair state of preservation. James F. Randolph, the third, studied medicine with his father-in-law (Dr. Butters) and began the practice of his profession at his home on Alum creek, in Peru township, later moving to Ashley, Delaware county, Ohio, and afterward to Bennington township, Morrow county, where he operated a farm in connection with his practice. He built what was then considered to be the most elegant residence in this part of the state and laid out a flower garden, all of which have since been razed. He was a man of culture and refinement, of delicate sensibilities and keen perception of the aesthetic. He and his wife were life-long members of the Wesleyan Methodist church. His wife died in 1876

and he afterward married Mrs. Martha Brestler. After his second marriage he removed to Marengo, Morrow county, Ohio, where he died April 14, 1883. His widow afterwards married Amos Harris, of Licking county, Ohio, and both are now deceased. The children of James F. and Mary Randolph who lived to years of maturity, were Cornelia, wife of Harvey Chambers; Margaret, wife of O. Meredith; Mary, wife of Ganza Evans; Amaretta, wife of Frank Ghant; Jefferson and Alford, the subject of this sketch, who was born in Bennington township, November 18, 1833.

Alford F. Randolph acquired a common school education and in his early manhood assisted in the operation of his father's farm. He inherited from his pious ancestors a natural inclination toward religious thought and conduct. He has always taken a firm stand for whatever he considered to be for the best interest of the community and society in general and has always endeavored to follow after the things that make for harmony, and as much as possible has lived peaceably with all men. In politics he has always been a stanch Federalist, which belief naturally induced him to affiliation with the Republican party, and when the doctrine of state sovereignty became so chrystallized as to attempt, by armed rebellion, the disruption of the nation, he laid down the implements of peace and took up the implements of war, and bidding adieu to kindred, home and all that life holds dear, he laid, as it were, his young life, upon the altar of his country and beneath the fluttering folds of the star-spangled ensign of liberty, marched out to the bloody field of carnage, there to dare, to do, and to die, if need be, that this Republic might not perish from among men. He enlisted in Company D of the One Hundred and Twenty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry which became a part of the Army of the Cumberland. He did active service on the battlefield and was captured at Columbia, Kentucky, and was subsequently in the hospital for a while. He was paroled as a prisoner of war, having been captured by the raider, Morgan. Upon the expiration of his term of enlistment, he again offered his services to his country, but was rejected on account of disabilities received while in the service. Upon his return home, he beat as it were, his sword into a plough-share, his spear into a pruning-hook, and again resumed the pursuits of peace.

On September 10, 1865, Mr. Randolph was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah J. (Chambers) Brokaw, widow of Joshua Brokaw, who died at Bowling Green, Kentucky, while in the service of his country. Soon after his marriage to Mrs. Brokaw, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph established a home on a farm about two miles south of Marengo, where they have ever since resided, and where now in conjugal bliss and domestic felicity, respected by all who know them, they are spending their declining years in the enjoyment of the well-earned blessings of peace and prosperity. In early life they united with the Wesleyan Methodist church and are still

engaged in the activities of church work. Their children are as follows: Eva, the wife of Nelson Mead; Daisy, wife of Hanson Fowler; Florence, wife of Douglas Moore; Luella, wife of William Chilcote; and James Elsworth Randolph. The latter was born July 8, 1868, and on October 18, 1893, he was married to Miss Orrie C. Barr. To their union two daughters were born, Delta Eva, November 25, 1894; and Mary Augusta, September 28, 1896. Mrs. Randolph died in the year 1900 and Delta the following year at the age of seven years. At the time of Delta's death the children were living with their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Barr, near Centerburg, Ohio, and Mary still resides with them. On October 1, 1902, Mr. J. E. Randolph was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Sipe, of Fulton, Ohio, and they have three children: Sarah Alice, born June 7, 1904; Niles Elsworth, born July 12, 1906; and Harold Eugene, born January 29, 1911.



